

PLANNING REF : 260378
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Maidensfield
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: RG41 5TJ
SUBMITTED BY : Mr A Jones
DATE SUBMITTED : 01/04/2026

COMMENTS:

This application contains apartment buildings over 2 storeys. In the appeal the inspector said:

'Significantly, the layout shows two and half and three storey buildings, which Mr Williams' own townscape analysis indicates are almost entirely absent from the wider area. As a result, the scheme as outlined in the indicative layout would be larger, denser, taller and more compact than its surroundings. Such an approach could jar with Maidensfield, disrupt the legibility of the local street hierarchy and harm the settlement pattern of the area. 61. However, the indicative layout is just that. The scheme need not come forward in the way currently suggested. Indeed, Mr Williams confirmed that the provision of two and half and three storey buildings as shown in the indicative layout was a choice rather than being required to fit the scheme in. As a result, the proposal could (and should in my view) ultimately come forward with no building exceeding two storeys in height. In this respect, the scheme would respond better to the existing townscape by not being taller than it, which would otherwise appear odd on the settlement edge.'

Taylor Wimpey's design has completely ignored this part of the appeal and the council officers do not seem to have read the appeal report which mentions this.