

From: D. Goddard

Dear Sirs,

I write with reference to Merton Borough Council Sites and Policies Development Plan Document, number 23 – 9 Amity Grove.

Given that we have not received any documentation from yourself regarding the DPD (either in general or specific to this site), it was only brought to my attention very recently by Jane Barnes of RAWW, plus the deadline for comments was only mentioned at the Raynes Park council meeting last night, March 22.

My interest in number 23 arises because I (and my family) live at number Amity Grove, directly opposite the site. While I appreciate the site is run-down and in need of some kind of improvement I have a number of reservations / comments regarding any development, including but not limited to;

1. The size of any new development (that is the footprint and height) should be in line with the existing building footprint and height. I, along with other residents directly affected would strongly oppose any increase in height, for reason including the impact of reduced sunlight etc on our properties. Given that your documentation makes reference to 'upper floors' we are very concerned.
2. What is meant by residential C3 class? Could that include Houses / Flats or a combination of both? Could they be council owned in the same manner as flats next door (14 Amity Grove I think) which house council sponsored tenants (or similar?).
3. What steps would be taken to minimise the impact of additional traffic post completion ?
4. What steps would be taken to minimise the impact of additional noise post completion?
5. The works themselves – given that it would be a massive project, and in light of the horrendous problems we have experienced with Thames Water / Cappagh over the last 6 months (which we are still experiencing), what steps would be taken to ensure our day to day lives would not be affected, including noise, access to our properties while the works are taking place etc? Many of the residents in the very immediate vicinity have young families and so I

would expect strong opposition to any increases in noise, congestion, access etc.

6. What type of Community use would you expect to provide if the councils preferred use was approved?

Given the short time frame we have in preparing a response, I would like to take the opportunity to point out that my comments / questions / reservations are not exhaustive and fully expect to add to them in due course.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Yours faithfully