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Vince Cable MP
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Dear Mr Cable

The Hampton Wick Association has learned that Galliford Try are proposing to submit to the planning department a revised housing scheme for the Sandy Lane development. I am writing as the HWA representative to make you aware that the Association intends to object to this revised plan.

Our concerns are as follows:-

1. Increased traffic generation to and from Sandy Lane will add to this presently congested route to Church Grove and Kingston Bridge.
2. Inadequate parking and residual landscaping within the development site which is already minimal and lacking interest and character.
3. Increased lack of any infrastructure facilities within the site, merely adding disproportionate pressure on limited existing schools, clinics, shops etc elsewhere.
4. The height and scale of the proposal is out of character with any recently approved scheme in this part of the local planning authority, and therefore does not comply with the Local Development Plan and residential guidelines.

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5. The layout of the approved scheme and its external appearance lacks any particular design merit particularly being close to the Conservation Area and due to the intention to increase storey heights and infill open spaces between buildings further detracts from the setting and character of the Conservation Area.

6. The revised residential scheme will adversely affect views from Bushy Park and appear to be an unacceptable dense mass of housing with ghetto implications, ie compounded noise, disturbance and loss of privacy, and amenity for residents.

7. There is an interesting comparison between the proposed introduction of the wood chip processing plant and the experience of another major developer who gained acceptance for the siting of such a plant. The size is likely to be, say the size of a fire station, or police station. However, later it was decided to replace the unit with more residential / commercial development and revert to traditional servicing piped supply for individual heating; a tactical method for the addition of further buildings for green issues which later became redundant.

8. It is also understood that there have been environmental and health and safety issues during the initial construction work which have been questioned in their methodology and compliance with current legislation. The measure of the developer's responsibility and performance in these matters is usually an indication of likely future events.

In conclusion, should this revised application be made, The Hampton Wick Association will strongly object to the proposal on the grounds of unacceptable traffic problems, height and scale, and lack of evidence of the benefit of the recycling unit.

I am hopeful that you will support our position should the proposed plans be submitted for planning approval.

Thank you for your attention.

Yours sincerely

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Cc: Sandy Lane Site Action Group