

## Comment on a planning application

### Application Details

**Application:** 2025/0074

**Address:** Mount Clare Campus Minstead Gardens Roehampton Gate SW15 4EE

**Proposal:** Use as hostel accommodation (Sui generis) with associated landscaping and cycle parking

### Comments Made By

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### Comments

**Type of comment:** Object to the proposal

**Comment:** Having lived in this area now for over 22 years, I have seen a sharp decline in the lack of services and amenities in Roehampton. There has been a big increase in anti-social behaviour and open drug taking in and around the blocks and estate in general.

In the block where I live there is constant urination on the stairwells and outside, with people smoking and being sick on the stairwells. In one case this was just left there for a period of nearly two years before the Council even noticed it or bothered to clear it up. The stains of this and others still remain there till this day.

Like others, while I am all for supporting vulnerable people and have done more than my fair share of working for many charities directly, this seems to be a completely ill thought out scheme which will only add to the decline of the area, with no real support or monitoring being offered to potential vulnerable residents and the local community alike.

I am also shocked, although not surprised, by the lack of transparency as to exactly who the temporary residents of this proposal are likely to be, this seems to my mind to have been deliberately avoided, which should have been part of ongoing/open and frank discussions with the local community, as would be expected of any fair and thorough consultation process.

Also, like other residents I am shocked by the total lack of community consultation with locals who live directly adjacent to the proposed site and surrounding area, despite legitimate concerns already raised and with no real attempt to address these by the developer.

It strikes me very much that the site is being used as a dumping ground without the needed support and monitoring being offered as part of the proposal. This will do little to increase social cohesion in the area which is already at breaking point. I am sure that this scheme would not be proposed just over in the very wealthy area next to Roehampton gate and can only wonder why that would be the case?

Local services are already at a complete stretch and breaking point, adding more vulnerable people to the area will only serve to seriously exacerbate this situation, are the developers going to help address this?

At the very least, absolute minimum, the proposal should include measures that start to mitigate the concerns raised to date and work with the local community to actually propose something that might actually have a chance of being successful in the long run.

This proposed development shows complete disregard for the locals, many who have lived and contributed to the area for many years and like myself and have seen how it has changed over the years.