

Portmore Park & District Residents Association

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Portmore Park & District Residents Association
c/o 3 Clinton Close
Weybridge, Surrey, KT13 8NU
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Dear Head of Planning Services

Re: 2020/3496 - Garages to the side of Greside Road, Weybridge, Surrey

I am writing on behalf of the Committee of Portmore Park & District Residents Association to object to this application because of loss of amenity for existing residents, the worsening of already extreme on-street parking stress, and inaccuracies in the application documents.

The proposed development would have a severely negative impact on existing residents of Greside Road:

- 12 of the 18 houses to the east of Greside Road have no access to the public highway other than via the 2020/3496 application site or the 2020/3495 site.
- Greside Road residents rely on parking 8-10 vehicles on the 2020/3496 site (plus another 6-8 vehicles on the 3495 site) and have done so for decades.
- Greside Road suffers extreme parking stress because of school parking. Without these spaces, many residents would have nowhere to park.
- The application would severely compromise any future possibility of electric car charging for residents of the 12 houses with no direct public highways access.

Yet this application appears oblivious to these facts. It makes wildly inaccurate statements, e.g.:

“Residents living in adjacent dwellings park in their designated off-street driveways or on-street within sight of their homes.” (Technical Note Para 3.3)

WRONG! This is an entirely false picture of the parking possibilities for Greside Road residents in adjacent homes on the east side of Greside Road. Twelve of those homes have no adjacent ‘on-street’ public highway within sight on which they can park, and lack ‘designated off-street driveways’ of any kind. The residents rely on being able to park on the application sites.

This application also misleadingly states there are zero spaces at present and that it would create four additional parking spaces: ‘Existing spaces 0, Proposed spaces 4’. The truth is that it would take away spaces used by current residents, and give some of them to the new homes.

The loss of current amenity for existing residents would be wholly unacceptable, as would the loss of future potential for those residents to own and charge electric cars.

For the above reasons we believe EBC should refuse this application.

Yours sincerely

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