



Re planning applications RU17/0408 (land to rear of 78 Hummer Road, Egham) and RU17/0411 (78A, Hummer Road, Egham).

Dear Sir or Madam,

The Egham Residents' Association wrote to Runnymede Borough Council in May of last year to express concern about planning application RU16/0529 for a site at 78B Hummer Road, Egham.

We said in that communication that "there is anxiety that there is more to it than meets the eye, and that the application could be the thin end of a wedge resulting in over-development". We were pleased that such opinions were listened to and that the application was turned down.

That that was the right decision, and that the fears then expressed were justified, has now been underlined by the appearance of planning applications RU17/0408 and RU17/0411 for sites at the rear of 78 Hummer Road and at 78A Hummer Road.

Taken together, the applications propose the building of 11 one-bedroom flats and maisonettes. And given the overall nature of the site(s), we believe this obviously constitutes overdevelopment. It seems to be a story of trying to squeeze a quart into a pint bottle that has a long narrow neck.

Access to the site through this 'neck' would be very difficult indeed for some vehicles, and the overall scheme – not least because of its overdevelopment feature – is causing much anxiety in Hummer Road, Denham Road and Crown Street.

The site is also in the Egham town centre conservation area, and that must militate against it. We trust that these applications will experience the same fate as RU16/0529.

Yours faithfully,

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