**From:**

**To Ealing Council
Perceval House
14, Uxbridge Road
Ealing
London W5 2HL**

July 2020

**For the attention of Katie Crosbie, Principal Planner**

Dear Ms Crosbie,

**Reference** PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER 202231FUL
**51-56 Manor Road** and **53-55 Drayton Green Road West Ealing London W13 0LJ**

Construction of a building with a basement level, part double-height ground floor with part mezzanine floor and 18 and 12 floors above with roof plant and communal roof garden to accommodate two flexible-use units at ground floor (A1/A2/A3/D1 or D2 use classes) and 144 residential units (100% affordable) on the upper floors (mezzanine to 18th floor) with associated cycle and bin stores, substation, private and communal amenity space and alterations to the highway (following demolition of existing buildings on site).

I wish to object to this proposed development. My objections are listed below:

* **It’s a total abuse of the drive for affordable homes.**
* **Its density is far too high.**  It’s four times more than the current maximum density recommendation for the site.  It crams 144 homes into an area the size of two tennis courts.
* **It’s an excessive development** of site and local area when we look at existing large blocks of flats and those being built on the Green Man estate and Uxbridge Road.  It also provides more homes of the type Ealing needs least, studio flats and small one and two bed flats.
* **It is not really affordable at all.**  It won’t help people on the housing list or people on typical incomes in Ealing.
* Lazy poor design.  The flats are small and have little or no outside amenity space.  They are largely unusable due to railway noise or because it’s not safe for small children.
* **Far too tall.**  This site is clearly unsuitable for a tall building if the Council looks at the appropriate tall buildings guidance and policies.  It’s more than half as high again as the tallest building in West Ealing and sits at the edge of residential and conservation areas.
* **Massing far too high.**  Putting this number of flats on a very small site creates an oppressive structure that dominates and spoils the local environment.
* **Inconsistent with existing site specific guidance EAL 12 for the site and West Ealing Neighbourhood plan.**
* Massive **adverse impact on surrounding mainly residential environment.** Its oppressive overshadowing will result in loss of light and loss of TV reception.
* **Big loss of privacy.**  It will overlook hundreds of private gardens and look down into loft rooms.
* **Not Sustainable.**  This is totally inconsistent with Ealing’s zero carbon pledge.  Tall buildings have big carbon footprints from construction and are very energy hungry to run.
* **Destroying heritage.** It would destroy views from St Stephen’s Conservation Area and be out of keeping with locally listed Sorting Office, Stowell’s Corner, Drayton Court Hotel and neighbouring Victorian two storey homes.
* Having 144 homes within 10 meters of a major **Crossrail station** will interfere with that station, the likely deliveries alone could cause major problems.
* **Poor disabled access.**  Only one blue badge space for 15 wheelchair accessible flats and no provision for support services visiting (carers, doctors etc.)
* **Lack of amenity space.**  There is little or no usable amenity space.  The balconies are likely to be unusable due to railway noise.  The roof garden would be noisy and is unsafe for children.

Yours sincerely,