



Fetcham Residents Association

Please reply to

Gable Cottage, The Ballands North,
Fetcham, Leatherhead
KT22 9HU

Date 06/09/2018

Development Control Manager
Mole Valley District Council
Pippbrook
Dorking, RH4 1SJ

Dear Sir,

Application Ref: MO/2018/1338
Main Location: 167, Cobham Road, Fetcham, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 9JD
Full Description: Demolition of existing building and development of 3 storey mixed used scheme with retail at ground floor level and 10 No. residential units on ground, first and second floors, 10 off street parking spaces and provision of on street parking, cycle storage and separate refuse area.

The FRA has delayed submitting comments about this revised design whilst attempting to gauge and consider the opinions of Fetcham residents during the period of publicity.

- The FRA has received no direct comments from Fetcham residents, either verbally or in writing (letter, email or on-line) expressing strong objections to this application.
- Conversely, when residents are asked directly for their opinions, responses are typically positive.
- We have noted that, at the time of writing, only during the last three days has the number of letters of objection published on the Planning Dept's portal increased from 4 to 10.

We acknowledge that concerns do remain. Principally about parking, vehicle sight lines and pedestrian crossings. However, the FRA as well as many residents we speak to, recognise that these may not be issues that any developer can be expected to resolve without specific direction from the Planning Office and Surrey Highways.

It is understood that where advice has already been provided or requirements identified, they have been adopted by the developer.

The FRA has also sought the opinions of the Traders in and around the vicinity of the site, and we can say that certainly a majority are in favour of the application and are keen and anxious for the development, as presented, to proceed.

The FRA considers that the new application provides a further improvement upon previous applications in seeking to address concerns expressed by a few Fetcham residents, members of the Development Control Committee and the Appeal Inspector alike.

Consequently, we trust that this application will be Granted, enabling Fetcham's residents, traders and visitors to be able to look forward to a rejuvenated focal point of the village.

Yours faithfully

R. D. Bradfield (for FRA Planning)