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For the attention of: Clare Oliver

Dear Clare,

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 CONSULTATION RETURN: DC/24/0440/P3MPA2

PROPOSAL: Prior approval application under Part 3 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015 - change of use from (commercial, business and service) class E of upper floor to class C3 (dwellings) two studio flats with additional skylights / roof windows

LOCATION: 7 The Chauntry Centre High Street Haverhill Suffolk

Notice is hereby given that the County Council as Highway Authority make the following comments:

The proposed development is not deemed acceptable in its proposed form. Please see the comments below that need to be addressed.

No details of cycle parking have been provided as part of this development. In addition, there is no off-road vehicle parking proposed for this development. However, as the proposal is located in an urban area where there is good provision of public transport, we would allow a relaxation of parking standards, this complies with Suffolk Guidance for Parking (SGP, 2023). This states that such developments must be designed to provide exceptional standards of sustainable transport. The applicant should consider exceptional modes of sustainable travel such as but not limited to:

- Exceeding the minimum amount of cycle spaces as set out within SGP (2023) and ensuring the spaces provided are in a secure, covered and lit area;
- Facilities for electrical cycle charging.

As per SGP (2023), a minimum of two cycle spaces are required per Class C3 dwelling.

Clarification is required regarding the accessibility of the studio flats following the blocking of the staircase to ensure suitable accessibility for cycle storage and bins is provided.

Until the above concerns have been addressed, a holding objection to the proposal will be maintained.

Yours sincerely,

Liam Healy
Transport Planning Technician
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