

Focus

With your local councillor team in Sutton North: Cllr Ruth Dombey, Cllr Marlene Heron and Cllr Steve Penneck

TOPPS TILES TO BE TOPPED BY FLATS?

Planning application No: DM2021/00043

An application to redevelop the Topps Tiles shop and the car park at the back into two blocks of flats has been received. It would provide 34 flats, (no affordable housing) including studio, 1, 2, and 3 bedroom flats.

The development would retain a smaller 'kiosk- style' shop on the High St that would also front onto Victoria Gardens, opening up that side of the gardens. On top there would be four additional floors with 25 flats.

At the back, on the car park, accessed from Vale Road, there would be a separate block of nine flats. In line with High St policies there would be no general parking spaces for the flats, and occupants would not be eligible for residents parking permits.

We are concerned that the proposal is an overdevelopment of this site, with an adverse impact on neighbouring properties, and a likely adverse impact on parking in neighbouring streets. Comments on the application should be made as soon as possible through the Online Planning Register (see over).

Ruth, Marlene and Steve

The following general advice from the Council website may help:

Planning procedures

The Council cannot refuse or approve a proposal simply because many people oppose or support it. Planning applications must be assessed against local and national planning policies. The Council can consider issues such as: undue loss of privacy or overlooking; loss of sunlight/ daylight; effect on trees; access or traffic problems; need for car parking; unacceptable or incompatible use; noise; fumes; excessive height or bulk of buildings; inappropriate design/layout; and inadequate landscaping/ means of enclosure.

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Can we Keep you informed about what is happening locally by phone/email?

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Yes

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No

How to comment on a planning application

Copies of current planning applications can be inspected using the Online Planning Register. First you have to register as a user. Instructions on how to do this and video tutorials on how to search for planning applications and make comments on them are here:

https://www.sutton.gov.uk/info/200154/planning_and_building_control/1743/planning_applications_searches

Anyone has the right to comment on an application. Comments should be sent in as soon as possible, after you have seen the planning application, when you have an understanding of what is proposed, and before the Planning Committee is due to meet. Planning officers are unable to reply to each individual comment submitted, however a summary of all comments will be given in the officers' report to the Planning Committee.

If several other people agree with your views you may wish to organise a petition which should be sent to developmentmanagement@sutton.gov.uk Petitions must clearly state the reasons for objection or support and must include the name and address of each individual and their signature. The petition must also include the details of a person who can be contacted by the council on behalf of the petitioners.

Representatives who wish to speak in support of, or in opposition to, planning applications are able to address the Planning Committee at the discretion of the chairperson. Usually speakers are only allowed four minutes to address the committee. Where there are several people who wish to comment they should choose one person to speak on their behalf or they can choose to split the time between them. You must notify the committee manager of your wish to speak well in advance of the meeting and at the latest by midday on the day of the meeting. Ward Councillors may also speak.