

Dear sir,

Whilst looking forward to some new development to the old Town Hall , I am staggered by the proposed ideas. The skyline being further blocked out and dominated more by the greed of developers wanting to cash in on an available area of land without caring for the resulting havoc of the inhabitants of the Borough of which I and my family are one. I am constantly amazed at the double standards of this council that can restrict unreservedly the building on their own property of ,say, a loft conversion and then allow another dreadful glass menagerie of a building to join the rash of towering glass structures that glower over us with their presence. Further, to demolish a mainstay of the community such as the cinema , without replacing it and turning the area over to yet another large supermarket ( totally unnecessary given the amount of existing ones in the zone) again smacks of greed over care. To then add further trauma to what would already be a traffic he'll should the building go ahead , by considering a footbridge over the A4 would cause mayhem as well as raising safety issues during the disruption .The advertising hoardings that intrude on our life here in Bridge View illuminate our childrens' bedrooms and we have to put cushions round the window to prevent light getting in so they can sleep. This after conversations with the council saying the companies were allowed to display adverts at a certain light level. It has crept up again.

Whilst I admit we in Bridge View will not be in the direct firing line of the monstrosities being proposed, it does not stop us supporting those who are clearly going to be adversely and unfairly affected. Our children walk to local schools along King Street ;they use the local cinema;we have enough shops( a new local corner shop has recently opened at the end of Bridge View which we use regularly. We have fought an intrusive effort by the owner of the Oxford and Cambridge pub which overlooks the rear of gardens in Bridge View over a number of years which culminated in him wanting to build a four storey block of flats with garage access underneath and room for shops! So what I' m trying to communicate is a growing sense that despite being in what the Council deems a "conservation area" we are being strangled by giant "triffid-like" buildings that despite protestations from the community are being , in the case of the Town Hall development, consideration against and despite the wishes of a larger and growing larger, percentage of the community. As you will gather , I am opposed to the current scheme on many fronts.

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