



POSITIVELY HERSHAM

Planning Application 2026/0447

Land South of 131 to 147 Burwood Road Hersham

You may already be aware of this application to build 62 Units on Green Belt land. This Green Belt land should not be released. The Applicant, Ashill Ltd, has now responded to the massive level of objections and observations from the public, statutory and other consultees.

Elmbridge Borough Council are now inviting further responses. Even if you have already commented, it is vital that you use this opportunity to comment further, or even for the first time.

The deadline to get your objection to EBC is 2nd September 2026.

Positively Hersham has taken the opportunity of reviewing the documents in the short time that has been made available. The following may be a useful reference. It is not a definitive list.

- **Green Belt.** The response from the Applicant is basically absent. There is hardly any detailed reference to this core issue. Perhaps the Applicant has decided not to provoke further debate.
- **Highway and Pedestrian Works** on Burwood Road do not comply with guidelines for safety and construction. The proposed footways, which adjoin a deep ditch, are too narrow. The proposed fencing is inadequate. It is also proposed to reduce the width of the road to accommodate the footpath. These proposals are potentially very dangerous.
- **Ecology, Biodiversity Net Gain and Woodland.** Responses remain incomplete and inadequate. There appears to be a reluctance to be transparent with all the detail of the site regarding protected species and proper, detailed surveys in accordance with the protocols. There is even denial of Veteran trees when in fact The Woodland Trust has currently identified seven.
- **Transport and Sustainability.** It is acknowledged by the Applicants that transport needs to be improved and they have suggested that to achieve non reliance on the car, improved bus stops (but **no** extra buses) and a dial-a-ride scheme will be sufficient.
- **Surface Water Flooding** has not been fully addressed, particularly the absence of the required commitment to ensure no flood risk on adjoining land. The northern ditch is vital to the proposals and there are important concerns regarding the ownership of this strip of land.
- **Design and Character.** The whole scheme remains at odds with the local area and introduces a form and pattern of development that is against the established character.

There are 3 ways to object, always quoting "2026/0447 Objection" and including your name, address and contact details:

On-line: log onto EBC planning portal

Email: tplan@elmbridge.gov.uk

Write: Planning Department, Elmbridge BC,
Civic Offices, High Street, Esher, KT10 9SD1

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Positively Hersham, on behalf of Hersham Community Group