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**Objection re. Conversion of the Mill Building and construction of a 66 bed Care Home, 39 Assisted Living Units, 19 family houses and 12 affordable homes (AMENDED PLANS and DESCRIPTION) and associated works. Station Road, Bishops Waltham, SO32 1DH (Abbey Mill Site)**

Dear Mr Avery

We have now had the opportunity to view the amended plans for this development and whilst there are some improvements overall we wish to continue to **object** to this application.

We are extremely pleased that the old mill building is now to be converted although there appears to be little detail on this. We would like to see clear plans on how the historic character is to be preserved and maintained. In fact from the elevation drawings there appears to be little difference to the rest of the buildings on site.

**However, we are extremely disappointed to note that this application still disregards the Bishops Waltham Design Statement policies as follows:**

1. The overuse of 3 and 4 storey buildings (Policy 5.2)
2. The complete dominance of these buildings both within their immediate surroundings and from distant views (Policy 5.1)

Whilst it can be argued that the tall buildings are obscured when viewed from Station Road, It is quite clear from the Elevation Drawings provided that this is not the case both from Abbey Field direction and from the South looking towards Station Road.

3. The absence of a clear settlement edge of planting on the southern boundary.

It is not clear how sufficient planting can be provided to screen a four storey building when viewed from the countryside or the Botley Road.

The other concerns in our previous letter (No 3 dated 9<sup>th</sup> October 2017) still stand although it is welcomed that an additional 2-bed affordable unit has been included.

A new concern is that Abbey Field site is to be for the use of the Abbey Mill site residents only as opposed to being a public facility as in previous planning applications.

We trust that the policies contained within the Bishops Waltham Design Statement, which has been formally approved as a Supplementary Planning document, will continue to be taken into full consideration when reviewing this application.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Tony Kippenberger', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Tony Kippenberger  
Chairman

cc: Alan Inder, Jonathan Simmons, Pauline Mousley