

Dear KANDA Consulting

Having consulted its members, Guildford Residents Associations (GRA), which comprises over 25 residents associations and parish councils, wishes to comment as follows on the proposed development of St Mary's Wharf, Guildford:

- The consultation video is informative but the questions are too manipulative to obtain meaningful outcomes.
- Please record that our answer to question 4 is that we strongly disagree.
- We welcome the commitment to public access along the riverside. This should be a key element of any development.
- We welcome the proposed use of brick.
- We do not believe the warehouse design reflects Guildford's heritage or history. This is one of the most interesting development opportunities in the SE worthy of a more creative, original design.
- The proposed blocks are too tall and bulky. The height should be reduced very significantly to avoid impact in views and in the immediate vicinity. Upper floors should be set back as part of an inspired design concept.
- The blocks will have an overbearing impact on Millbrook and on the setting of St Mary's church and numerous other nearby listed buildings including the Mill Studio and Yvonne Arnaud theatre. .
- The buildings have an unacceptable deleterious effect on important views, including on the view of the Surrey Hills from the High Street.
- The buildings will have an overbearing impact on the River Wey and fail to respect saved policies on the Wey Corridor in the 2003 Local Plan.
- The footprint of the SE corner of the residential block is particularly intrusive and should be removed.
- The stated intention was to connect with the river but instead a raised platform with a pavilion on top obscures views of the river from the High Street. The pavilion should be removed.
- The raised platform will cause surface water flood risk behind it.
- The stated aims of greening the river and bringing in nature are not achieved. Most of the public realm is hard landscaping. The main river frontage is far from green and too severe. The green area to the east is hidden from the main river corridor by the SE corner of the residential block which extends to the water's edge.
- The sustainability claims are overstated given the impact of demolition and construction and the effect of the scheme on the irreplaceable asset of the Wey.

- We question whether single bed residential units should be the priority for accommodation on this site.

We trust these comments will be taken into account in the survey and in shaping the application prior to submission .

Kind regards

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