



The Friends of Abingdon
Civic Society

Mr Stuart Walker
Development Control
Vale Of White Horse District Council
Abbey House
Abingdon OX14 3JE

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Dear Mr Walker,

also 10/02056/FUL 116 Oxford Road
 10/01732/FUL 97 Ock Street, Abingdon

Thank you for your correspondence about Champion House and 42 Wootton Road. We are pleased that these planning applications have been refused and hope that other high density developments will be looked at very carefully before they are allowed.

With respect to 116 Oxford Road, we note that the planned building might look like a house rather than a flat roofed block, but are still concerned at the high density of the proposal in this area of town. The Oxford Road provides an attractive entrance to Abingdon and the replacement of family houses by high density development would change its nature for the worse. There will inevitably be more cars and much more traffic, with all the associated dangers. The nearby service road is already used by both a Nursery and a Bed and Breakfast establishment. In general, there are very few options for any overflow parking along the Oxford Road.

We have also looked at the application for 97 Ock Street and agree with local residents that the proposed façade is completely out of keeping with the historic nature of the street

Member of Executive Council responsible for Planning Matters

Outcome

116 Oxford Road Approved with conditions March 2011

This was a repeat application for a plan initially refused and allowed on appeal in 2005 (the council incurred no costs)

97 Ock Street Permitted after some changes. May 2011