

Application 6/2018/3182

Comment

Councillor Duncan Bell

The proposed development, containing 21 study bedrooms, appears in effect to be a student hall of residence.

Such developments on the University campus, or for that matter at the Comet Hotel, contain provision for on-site supervision.

It is not clear that any such provision is envisaged with this application. This increases the risk of problems such as noise, and litter, which can arise with a high concentration of student properties. Properties in Clarkson Court nearby will be in earshot, and the area in immediate vicinity of the proposal, particularly the underpass to the Galleria, is a litter trap already.

Over the last few years, the University of Hertfordshire has been heavily involved in mitigating student-related problems in Salisbury Village, with some success. And yet there is no indication that the University, whose students will presumably be occupying the units, has been consulted on this proposal. Will the University be expected to exercise any supervision over the occupants?

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