

# Epsom Civic Society

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Mr Mark Berry BA(Hons) MRTPI DMS  
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Dear Mr Berry

PLANNING APPLICATION 14/00706/OUT  
168 EAST STREET, EPSOM  
REDEVELOPMENT WITH EIGHT HOUSING UNITS AND ONE OFFICE

This third application, typically attempting to wear away at the reasons for initial refusal, seeks to deal with the refusal of the previous application (14/00041/OUT).

The number of flats has been reduced to the 6 in the block fronting East Street, the middle block is now the two houses, and the original rear block of two houses becomes a single self-contained office.

Our first reaction is that the office is out of place in this location and should be omitted. More parking and planting could then be included in the layout, to considerable advantage and less overcrowding. We note that Surrey seem satisfied with the forecourt parking, although it still looks difficult. There also seems to be a formula for affordable housing which may prove acceptable.

In general, therefore, some of the reasons for refusal have been dealt with although the office is inappropriate and the site is very awkward for housing, especially for the centre block which seems unattractive.

Yours sincerely

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Vice Chairman

Cc ward councillors

