

Petitioning <u>Chief Executive and Director of Planning and Development, Tunbridge Wells Borough Council William Benson and</u>
Jonathan MacDonald

Sign to stop ill-considered planning and development in Royal Tunbridge Wells

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Tunbridge Wells Borough Council is allowing developers to fill our town with inappropriately large-scale property developments, with second rate architecture and little to no parking. Our planners and councillors are not listening to experts so it's time for the community to be heard. They do not have the will or skill to shape developers applications. They also do not have a plan this town.

- 43 units planned for Good Station Road (near Fenwicks) with not enough parking.
- 112 flats are planned at Calverley House in the town centre with not one parking space.
- 110 room Premier Inn hotel, with only 20 parking spaces, approved for London Road, despite the Transport Manager saying the town won't cope.
- 110 apartments on the old cinema site.
- 127 flats at Union House at the Pantiles.
- 20,000+ sq ft soon to be converted to flats at Vale House, off London Road.
- 48 flats and no parking at 7-9 Londsdale Gardens.
- · ...and many more.

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The impact is significant. Our roads, on street parking bays and car parks cannot take the extra pressure. And air quality is suffering from the pollution. Development is being permitted with very little consideration to whether the infrastructure can cope.

Although some developments are replacing bland 1960's architecture, our planners and conservation officers are allowing poor and obtrusive architecture to replace it. There is an opportunity to put right the wrong, but TWBC are simply making bad, worse. Where has the pride in our towns architecture gone?

More and more office buildings are being converted to residential blocks. There is little office space left in the town. Where will people work? They will drive out, on our already congested roads, to their office job elsewhere.

Progress is good, but we deserve much better. Sign this petition and demand Tunbridge Wells Borough Council listen and develop a strategy for quality development. Having a list of objectives for the town is not enough, we need a Master Strategic Plan. And in the meantime stop saying 'yes' to large, obtrusive developments that are not sympathetic to the town, and have major impact on the towns infrastructure.

This petition will be delivered to:

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