

Former Rendlesham House, E5 Planning application reference 2009/2978

The Hackney Society would like to submit the following objections for the proposed new build residential development on the site of the former Rendlesham House in E5.

Materials

The Hackney Society feels the quality of the white rendered finish is cheap and inappropriate for 'affordable' residential units. Within five years or so the render will need to be repainted making this a high maintenance material. We also feel the development has too many blank white facades.

Scale and massing

The scale of the seven-storey block on the corner of Rendlesham and Maury Roads is too high and out of keeping with the north side of the road. We would like to see a development that retains a similar scale to the former Rendlesham House (recently demolished on the site). This building was four-storeys high. It was set back further from the road and curved attractively round this corner. The new residential blocks on the corner of Rendlesham and Kenninghall Roads are five-storeys and we do not think this height should be exceeded with this proposed development.

Conclusion

Overall, the Hackney Society thinks that the materials and finishes are cheap and do not meet high standards of design. We also feel the scale and massing.