If the studio flats are to be marketed as intermediate rented housing, then the provision of 6 studio flats might be acceptable. However, there is very little space provided for waste and recycling and this corner is a flytipping hotspot.

Policy EC1 of the Neighbourhood Plan resists the loss of retail and business floor space above shops but we would not argue this point given the fact that two floors will be kept as retail/office space. On the other hand, if more space cannot be provided for refuse and recycling, then perhaps more space could be set aside for offices.

All the best,

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