

PLANNING REF : 211368
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 12 Bonhomie Court
: 12 Bonhomie Cou Broadcommon Road, Hurst, Berks
: RG10 0TD
SUBMITTED BY : Mr And Mrs John & Chris Briers
DATE SUBMITTED : 22/06/2021

COMMENTS:

Work has started to build a home on the site of the old barn in Islandstone Lane. On Monday morning we were very surprised to see that a septic tank was now on the site and that a trench had been dug about 100 yards across a field and down into a ditch on our property. We have now learned that this is for a pipe which will discharge sewage from the septic tank into the ditch each day.

Our concerns are:

1. Why is a new home being built without access to main sewer drains we believe the adjacent house to the new build is on the main sewer system.
2. If a septic tank has to be used, why does the pipework cross a sizeable field to our property when there is a similar ditch directly outside the new build on both sides of the road.
3. The ditch on our property has water in it now following the recent rain but varies from virtually dry to overflowing its banks at many times during the year. The septic tank discharge therefore could be carried in times of flood onto people's gardens or when the ditch is dry lie on the surface emitting foul smells.
4. This ditch runs along the eastern side of our property and lies approximately 30 ft from the windows and doors of 7 ground floor apartments, and 7 first floor apartments with windows and balconies.

Our concerns are for the surrounding wildlife and health of the gardens and people living here and on Broadcommon Road. Surely this is a health risk. Why does the septic tank have to discharge here and not away from our very small gardens and outside space and into the land or ditch around the house being built?

We would therefore request that the Planning Officers take urgent action and please review the position.