

PLANNING REF : 242067
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 10 Tape Lane
: Hurst, Reading
: RG10 0DP
SUBMITTED BY : Ms Janine Chard
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COMMENTS:

I am writing as a concerned resident who has recently moved to the area with my family. We live directly opposite the proposed development site at Tape Lane, and I want to express my serious concerns about this project.

As a mother of two young children, one of whom attends St. Nicolas Primary School, I am deeply worried about the impact this development will have on our village. When we moved here, we struggled to secure a place at St. Nicolas, which was already at full capacity. We had to wait until a spot became available. Given that all surrounding schools are also at capacity, the addition of new homes will put even more pressure on our local educational resources.

Currently, our village is already grappling with traffic congestion and stretched local amenities. Introducing a significant number of new homes would bring an influx of vehicles to already narrow and busy roads, increasing the risk of accidents, especially for children

walking or cycling to school or local parks. Many roads do not have adequate crossings or pedestrian paths, and I worry that our infrastructure is not prepared to handle this increase in traffic safely.

For my eldest daughter's education, I travel to Woodley, which is already extremely congested. The additional traffic from the new development will only make this worse, adding more pressure to the roads and complicating our daily commute. This will not only affect our family but also place additional strain on local schools, potentially leading to larger class sizes and a decline in the quality of education.

Health services are also a concern. Our local GP surgeries already have long waiting lists, and access to specialist care is limited. An increase in population will stretch these services further, leading to longer waits for appointments and potentially reducing the quality of care available to families like ours.

Additionally, the field where the development is planned floods significantly every year, causing major disruptions to our roads. The flood risk for this area is higher than what the planning application suggests, and the drainage systems in place are already inadequate. Adding 99 new homes will likely worsen the flooding situation, as the Broad Hinton pumping station, described as 'woefully inadequate,' cannot handle the extra burden.

Our village also lacks key services like a local doctors' surgery and dental practice, and adding so many new homes will strain these resources even further.

For all these reasons, I strongly urge you to reconsider this development. The potential risks to our community's safety, daily

life, and infrastructure are significant.