

PLANNING REF : 251855
PROPERTY ADDRESS : The Garage
: Back Lane, Spencers Wood, Reading, Berkshire
: RG71YG
SUBMITTED BY : Miss Stephanie Meakin
DATE SUBMITTED : 30/08/2025

COMMENTS:

I am objecting to the planning application 251855 for the following reasons:

Regarding turning the units back into two individual units I do not object however this is currently being done anyway by a contractor without the planning approval!

Regarding the operational hours being extended to 07.00 to 23.00 I object to this. For approx. the past 3 years unit 7/8 was occupied by a heavy steel operation where the company Holmes and Dodsworth ignored all operation hours on the units and worked from 4.00 until 23.00 making it impossible for my children to have a good nights sleep from the continues noise from moving vehicles inside and outside the units and steel being dropped within the warehouse. The noise at points was so bad that I could also hear it sleeping on the front of the house. For the past two years I have been continually dealing with Wokingham Borough Council Environmental Health, ASB team and Planning in relation to the ongoing noise. It is not just Units 7/8 that are breaching the rules still Unit 2 a flooring company are continuing to trade outside of the working hours currently set on the industrial estate. The current owners of Heron Industrial Estate have no regard for the neighbouring properties or the noise that comes from this te. The only reason the noise has now stopped is because Holmes and Dodsworth moved to a different location hopefully more suitable to the heavy industrial use. As explained this is a small industrial estate and in my opinion a light industrial it appears that the current owners of Heron Industrial Estate do not vet possible tenants of what the working hours are or to ensure the unit is lease to someone suitable for that industrial estate and working hours.

Unit 7/8 are currently being advertised through Haslams Estate Agent and it is advertised as light industrial use however no mention of the working hours are in the advert. After speaking with unit 2 regarding the noise and working out of the working hours I was advised that they was not even aware of working hours on the site.

Heron Industrial Estate has had the same working hours for over the past 30+ years however since being taken over by the new owners all they have done is try to extend the working hours. This is unacceptable if they wanted a site with 24 hours 7 day a week working then they should have brough a residence that was not within a residential setting.

An application was made last year to extend the working hours however this was refused due to the noise impact it would have on my property The Garage, my neighbours at Field View and also Amersham nothing has changed since this last application. Many of the residents also objected to these changes in working hours then. The

current working hours works fine and I believe do not need to be changed.