

PLANNING REF : 242067
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 8 Almshouses
: Church Hill, Hurst, Reading, Berkshire
: RG10 0SL
SUBMITTED BY : Miss Carol Anne Sheasby
DATE SUBMITTED : 15/09/2024

COMMENTS:

I am writing to object to the application for the development of land between Lodge Road and Tape Lane, Hurst.

I have lived in Hurst for over 25 years and have always appreciated its beautiful rural setting and active village community. The building of 99 houses will create a suburban settlement, completely at variance with its present environment.

As I stated in my objections to the previous application, reference 220458, the creation of such a settlement would mean a huge increase of cars on our roads. Traffic through the village is already of great concern and it needs to be controlled, not made worse.

The local facilities in Hurst are very limited and there is no infrastructure to support so many additional dwellings.

The local area is already subject to flooding with the sewerage system working to capacity and the proposed development would seriously add to the flood risk.

The proposed development conflicts with the current Local Plan policies.

The new application, reference 242067, makes a number of proposals to address mainly the transport issues: for example, operating a minibus, creation of cycle lanes, widening of pavements within the village. These would be subject to approval by various bodies and incur a huge amount of funding, not to mention administration questions. Who would manage the minibus? One bizarre suggestion is having lockers in the centre of the site for deliveries.

These new proposals appear to me to be highly speculative and unviable.

I urge that the application should be REFUSED.