

PLANNING REF : 262243
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 182 Old Woosehill Lane
: Wokingham
: RG41 3HQ
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Matthew Hunt
DATE SUBMITTED : 13/10/2026

COMMENTS:

I wish to object to this retrospective application on the following grounds:

The parcel of land subject to this application was originally designated as public amenity land, serving a clear purpose to break up the built environment and provide open visual relief. The introduction of a solid 1.8-metre-high timber panel fence directly adjacent to the public footway has disrupted this open street scene.

The close-boarded fencing and solid concrete gravel boards create an intrusive, overbearing "dead frontage" immediately alongside the path. What was once an open green amenity verge is now an oppressive timber corridor. This form of boundary treatment is entirely out of keeping with the original open-plan design and soft landscaping layout of the local housing development.

Because this 1.8m fence is built right up to the edge of the public footway, it has created a blind spot for pedestrians as well as restricting natural surveillance/passive oversight from the street, making this stretch of the public path feel confined and isolated.

Importantly, the height and positioning of the fence now restricts essential visibility for vehicles leaving Bridges Close. It blocks the sightlines of drivers trying to pull out safely, creating a dangerous new blind spot for road users.

For these reasons, the application should be refused and the open verge restored.