

PLANNING REF : 261298
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Toutley Hall North
: Old Forest Road, Wokingham, Berkshire
: RG41 1JA
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Jonathan Sawdon
DATE SUBMITTED : 25/06/2026

COMMENTS:

I strongly object to the late amendment to turn the Old Forest Road site into a 100% affordable housing development.

While nobody is arguing against the need for affordable housing, changing the entire makeup of the site at the eleventh hour is a massive misstep. A 100% concentration goes completely against Wokingham Borough Council's stated planning goals to build balanced, integrated neighborhoods. The original 40% threshold was settled on after a year of debate because it actually works for community integration. Pushing through a total pivot now feels like a shortcut that ignores long-term planning logic.

Furthermore, the infrastructure plan for this site remains highly problematic. Routing heavy development traffic down a quiet, unmade country lane makes no sense when established infrastructure like the NDR or the Toutley Road access point are sitting right there and are far better equipped to handle the volume safely.

Please reconsider this amendment and stick to the original, balanced framework that the community actually had time to review.