

PLANNING REF : 242484
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 8 Fairmead Road
: 8 Fairmead Road Shinfield, Reading
: RG2 9DL
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COMMENTS:

This continuation of over-development, in the area, now proposed at the above site is yet another example of the desecration of our countryside and fertile arable fields. Fields which produce crops used to assist in all aspects of animal husbandry, much of this land, owned by Reading University (NIRD), having been donated, in the past, by generous local benefactors and intended for the advancement of agricultural education.

Flooding is a major issue in this area and is the reason that both the ERR and Arborfield Road are built on embankments. Inclement weather witnesses huge problems at the Magpie & Parrot sewage Pumping station, working beyond capacity with tankers aiding the overworked machinery emptying tanks on an hourly basis. No explanation is offered on how, with an increasing population, this can be improved. Responses to this problem, during recent meetings, regarding development in the area, is either that it is not possible to foresee solutions until the houses are constructed or it is the problem of Thames Water. Neither of these 'answers' are satisfactory.

With no improved infrastructure for yet more houses, it is totally irresponsible to continue building with crumbling health and education services that cannot service the community efficiently.

Studies have proved that the countryside is beneficial to mental health, helping and improving overall wellbeing. The continued destruction of the local countryside is tantamount to an act of criminal damage. An example of how seriously the vandalism to the Sycamore Gap Tree was viewed was the severity of the punishment the perpetrators received for criminal damage.