

PLANNING REF : 250823
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 1 Messenger Road
: Woodley, Berkshire
: RG5 4TR
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Emma Irwin
DATE SUBMITTED : 18/04/2025

COMMENTS:

Objection to Planning Application Number 250823

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed changes outlined in planning application 250823 for the site at Headley Road East, Woodley, RG5 4SN. This application seeks to vary condition 32 of planning consent 213106 (granted at appeal, ref: APP/X0360/W/22/3306963), as varied by Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) planning permission 242532. The proposal aims to lift the delivery timing restrictions for Unit 9, allowing for 24-hour deliveries. I believe this change would have several detrimental effects on our community.

Noise Pollution: The potential for increased noise pollution is a significant concern. Allowing deliveries at all hours will undoubtedly lead to disturbances throughout the night, affecting the sleep and well-being of residents, particularly families with young children and the elderly. The constant noise from delivery trucks and unloading activities will disrupt the peace and quiet that our community values.

Traffic Congestion and Safety Risks: Moreover, traffic congestion and safety are critical issues. Headley Road East is already a busy thoroughfare, especially during peak hours. Introducing unrestricted delivery times will exacerbate traffic problems, increasing the risk of accidents involving pedestrians and cyclists. The safety of our children, who walk or cycle to nearby schools, will be compromised.

Environmental Impact: The environmental impact of this proposal cannot be overlooked. More delivery vehicles mean higher emissions, contributing to air pollution and harming the health of local residents. The noise management plan for Unit 9 does not sufficiently address these environmental concerns.

Dangerous Precedent: Additionally, approving this variation could set a dangerous precedent. If this application is granted, it may encourage other businesses to seek similar relaxations, leading to a cumulative negative impact on our community. Maintaining strict control over delivery timings is essential to preserving the residential character of our area.

Light Pollution: Furthermore, extended delivery hours often require additional lighting, contributing to light pollution. This disrupts the natural day-night cycle, affecting both residents and local wildlife. Property values in the area could decline due to the constant industrial activity. Potential buyers may be discouraged by the prospect of living near a site with 24-hour operations, impacting the overall desirability of our neighborhood.

Sense of Community: The sense of community and well-being is at stake. The increased industrial activity could make residents feel

less safe and more stressed, leading to a decline in community morale. Our local infrastructure may not be equipped to handle the increased load from 24-hour deliveries, resulting in higher maintenance costs for the council and taxpayers.

Lack of Consultation: Lastly, there appears to have been insufficient consultation with the local community regarding this significant change. Residents and stakeholders deserve a say in decisions that impact their living environment, and any lack of proper consultation is deeply concerning.

In light of these points, I strongly urge the planning committee to reject this application. The potential negative impacts on noise levels, traffic safety, environmental health, and community well-being far outweigh any benefits that may be derived from lifting the delivery timing restrictions for Unit 9.

Thank you for considering my objections.

Sincerely,
Emma Irwin