

PLANNING REF : 252498
PROPERTY ADDRESS : School Road
: Arborfield Cross, Berkshire
: RG2 9NX
SUBMITTED BY : Mr James Eaton
DATE SUBMITTED : 04/11/2025

COMMENTS:

I strongly OBJECT to this proposal in every possible way. The still-unfinished Arborfield Green 'Garden Village' is already far too big for the area to cope with and still does not have a doctor, dentist, or any extra public transport links. This has made the roads in the area incredibly busy and, if there are roadworks/accidents/closures, the traffic is almost instantly at a standstill and often makes even leaving Arborfield an impossibility. No quantity of new roads and routes will satisfy any further development to the area as the places that people will be trying to get to - i.e., Reading, Wokingham, the M4 - are not getting any bigger. There will be an incredible increase in traffic delays to an already over-populated part of the county. Likewise, I fail to see how

effectively adding at least 2800 cars to the area in any way meets any kind of green targets.

Shinfield and Spencers Wood have grown beyond recognition in the past few years and surely the creation of the 'garden village' at Arborfield Green along with the countless extensions in Wokingham and Bracknell are more than enough.

Environmentally it would be a disaster as the flood plain would be disrupted, the Loddon would be filled with even more waste and sewage, and the loss of wildlife and nature can never be offset by so-called eco-spaces in the proposals. I seriously doubt that any new bus routes will be created, only extra loops adding to existing ones which will make any journey by public transport even longer than at present.

If anything should be built, it should be a new hospital as the Royal Berks is literally falling to pieces.

We do not need yet another soulless development in Arborfield.