

PLANNING REF : 251421
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Beechcroft
: Old Forest Road, Wokingham, Berkshire
: RG41 1LA
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Andrew Powell
DATE SUBMITTED : 02/07/2025

COMMENTS:

Re: Planning application for 53 dwellings on land at Old Forest Road

I object to the proposed development of 53 new homes to be build on Old Forest Road. If this development goes ahead it will have a significant negative impact on natural wildlife, infrastructure and local services, pedestrian and road safety and disruption for residents.

Reasons for objection to this proposal:

Natural Wildlife

Development of the greenspace in the proposed area will have a huge negative effect on wildlife. There are very few undeveloped areas left so to lose even more will be devastating. Many types of wildlife are living in this greenspace currently, amongst them Deer are regularly seen roaming.

Infrastructure and Local Services

Our current infrastructure services cannot cope with the number of residents at present so introducing more will only exacerbate the problem. More resources need to go into schools, medical centres and local services before further housing is approved for development otherwise we're just making existing problems worse and reducing quality of life for Emmbrook residents.

Pedestrian and Road Safety

At peak times Old Forest Road is very busy especially around school drop-off times and with all these new homes where will be a dramatic increase in vehicles on the road due to people leaving to commute to a place of work. This raises a lot of safety concerns for children walking / cycling to school (as encouraged by Wokingham council through initiatives like the "Active Journey" campaign) as roads are already very busy and overloaded with traffic. Anyone who walks down Commons Road will know that vehicles practically brush past you as you walk along the pavement and when 2 large vehicles attempt to pass they drive on the pavement. Adding more traffic is only going to increase the risk of a serious accident happening.

Introducing more traffic back onto Old Forest Road will cause congestion and noise which was previously taken away by the introduction of the NWDR.

Disruption for residents

Having had to put up with years of disruption, noise, dust, HGV lorries thundering along the road all day and being used as a delivery address for materials needed for the construction of the NWDR I don't wish to have to go through all this again. Please consider the actual people who live here and what we have to put up with when these developments get approved.