

PLANNING REF : 253074
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 42 Martineau Lane
: Reading, Berkshire
: RG10 0SF
SUBMITTED BY : Ms A J Fyleman
DATE SUBMITTED : 04/05/2026

COMMENTS:

I object to the proposal & I would like you to note my reasons as follows:

Design & Character

The proposed development is typical a 'cookie cutter' suburban development which is inappropriate in this semi rural area

Some of the property boundaries are very close to School Road ... & the proposed 6 foot close boarded fence will look like an ugly fort has been dropped into Hurst

The update to the design does not address these basic issues

Drainage & Flooding

Drainage is a significant problem in the area. My property is meters from this proposed development. & my garden becomes a swamp from

November till March/April just years (& the site, similar to the Tape lane field, regularly becomes a lake)

I fail to see anything in the updated proposal that will prevent this already waterlogged area from draining without adverse impact to the immediate area ESPECIALLY during stormy periods

Biodiversity

The revised biodiversity proposals are inadequate -- MOST of the claimed improvements rely on trees that would take almost 30 years to deliver the benefits.... and/or rely on the planting efforts of those moving into the properties

So, while I welcome proposed new trees, they don't address the biodiversity issues in a timely manner (nor are they guaranteed to EVER deliver the implied benefits)

Dare I say that the revisions are 'smoke & mirrors' with little to make me believe the numbers are rooted in reality!!

The applicant has produced a strong numerical biodiversity case, but the claimed gain remains dependent on long-term, uncertain delivery.

Highways, traffic, and parking

During the lengthy construction, i am concerned about the i