

PLANNING REF : 251862
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 74
: E M S A House 74 Reading Road, Wokingham, Berkshire
: RG40 4RA
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Brian Richmond
DATE SUBMITTED : 04/10/2025

COMMENTS:

I wish to object to the proposed development as shown in Application number 251862.

I note that although the plans refer to "land at 78 Reading Road and to the rear of 80 Reading Road," they also encompass land directly behind number 76 and my own property of number 74. In fact the plan includes land directly to the rear of my back garden and would fundamentally change the character of what has long been a quiet area where my grandson could ride his bicycle peacefully with little fear of the very limited traffic in the area.

The increase in traffic in a very minor road leading into the A327 is also a major concern. The minor road leading to the proposed development is very narrow with bungalows on each side making any widening impossible, but the thought of considerable numbers of lorries exiting onto [or entering from] the hectic A327 is an appalling one. This stretch of the A327, with bends at each end, is a dangerous and congested one and lorries entering and leaving the site would make the traffic infinitely worse and more dangerous. We already find it very difficult to exit our drive safely and our difficulties would be considerably increased as a result of increased congestion and reduced visibility.

I am also seriously concerned over the issues of the proposed hours of operation and light pollution which will result from the scheme. In the winter, darkness comes well before late afternoon and it seems that bright lighting and noise will disturb what has previously been a quiet and peaceful area.

I would finally argue that the whole proposal is out of keeping with a countryside and residential area. People go blackberrying alongside the narrow road leading to the proposed site, people walk their dogs, [as stated] children ride their bikes; there is abundant bird life, particularly magnificent Red Kites. The whole nature of the area would be damaged to the detriment of the people living here.

I therefore oppose the proposed development as set out in 251862 as one that would dramatically change and impair the whole local residential area.