

PLANNING REF : 260917
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 14 St Legers Way
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: RG7 1GH
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Paulo Kalyan
DATE SUBMITTED : 27/04/2026

COMMENTS:

Dear Planning Officer,

I am writing to formally object to the above planning application for the construction of new homes in our village. As a local resident, I strongly believe this proposed development would cause irrevocable damage to the character of our community, our local environment, and the safety of our infrastructure.

My objection is based on the following material planning considerations:

1. Severe Impact on Local Wildlife and Biodiversity

The proposed site is entirely unsuitable for a development of this scale due to its rich ecological value. The land in question is a thriving habitat full of wildlife, where a diverse array of animals and bird species currently live together in an established ecosystem. Loss of Habitat: Bulldozing this green space would displace or destroy these local populations.

Ecological Duty: Under the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), planning policies and decisions should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment. Paving over an area heavily populated with local wildlife directly contradicts this mandate. An independent ecological survey must be prioritized, as this development would cause a net loss to local biodiversity.

2. Loss of Vital Public Amenity and Green Space

The site is a highly valued community asset that provides essential recreational space for the village.

Community Wellbeing: It is widely used by local residents for dog walking, exercise, and enjoying nature.

Mental Health & Recreation: The permanent loss of this accessible green space would severely impact the physical and mental wellbeing of the community, removing a safe, natural area that residents rely on daily.

3. Inadequate Road Infrastructure and Traffic Safety

While our village roads may be capable of handling the current, quiet flow of local traffic, they are entirely unequipped for the massive influx of vehicles this development would bring.

Increased Volume: A development of 40 homes will likely introduce an additional 60 to 80+ vehicles to the area, alongside delivery vans and visitor traffic.

Safety Hazards: Our small village roads, many of which may lack wide pavements or the capacity for two-way passing of heavy vehicles, cannot safely absorb this exponential increase in daily traffic. This poses a significant safety risk to pedestrians, cyclists, and the current residents.

4. Overdevelopment and Out of Character

A sudden addition of additional homes constitutes severe overdevelopment for a village of our size. It would disproportionately expand the village footprint, creating an urbanized sprawl that permanently erodes the rural character and charm of the area.

Conclusion

This application offers no demonstrable benefits to the village that could possibly outweigh the destruction of a vibrant wildlife

habitat, the loss of valued recreational space, and the strain on our local roads.

I strongly urge the council to protect our local environment and community by refusing this application.

Please keep me informed of the progress of this application and notify me of the date of the committee meeting where this application will be decided.

Yours faithfully,

Paulo Kalyan