

PLANNING REF : 251310
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 2 Farley Court
: Church Road, Farley Hill, Reading
: RG7 1TT
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COMMENTS:

Sirs

I write to express my extreme anger and dismay at the prospect of yet another proposed huge housing development in our vicinity. I refer to the planning application to build 650 new homes on land at Blackcroft Farm, and I wish to object to it in the strongest possible terms. We are already horrified that the development at Finchwood Park has been given the go-ahead, and indeed work has already begun. The prospect of another 650 homes on the opposite side of the Reading Road is unthinkable.

We live in Farley Hill, a peaceful rural hamlet, and we chose to live here for this very reason - it is essentially rural. Farley Hill is designated an Area of Special Character. Over the last two decades, the traffic that runs along Church Road, right through the centre of Farley Hill, has increased enormously due to increasing local housing development.

This proposed housing is going to result in the following catastrophic and irreversible changes: -

1 Environmental Impact - Loss of wildlife habitat, threat to wildlife biodiversity.

The threat to precious wildlife such as red kites, buzzards, water voles, woodpeckers, and red squirrels, will be huge. The loss of fields, hedgerows, and protected woodlands will all decimate populations of these precious creatures, including the rodents and rabbits they depend upon. This would directly contradict national biodiversity goals.

2 Increased traffic pollution, air pollution, noise pollution will destroy this rural area.

Already we have witnessed vastly increased traffic and noise in our delightful hamlet. It will soon become part of the huge Reading urban sprawl. Public services are very limited in Farley Hill. We now have no bus service. This development will of necessity result in yet more traffic.

There have been so many new housing developments in this area south of Reading. It has been horrifying to witness. Please, please, prevent any further development. Please throw this application out.
Dr Iain Eggeling