

PLANNING REF : 260613
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Handpost
: Basingstoke Road, Swallowfield, Berks
: RG7 1PU
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Faith Lesley Ramsay
DATE SUBMITTED : 15/04/2026

COMMENTS:

I strongly object to this planning application. I live in one of the properties most severely affected by the current incorrect use of this land. There is constant, high pitched noise emitted by the existence of a business that affects the use of my own house and gardens.

Despite complaints and objections the applicant has refused to make any adjustments to make the use of the land reflect its current permitted usage and has had little to no regard for the amenity usage of surrounding properties.

The current operation that exists functions effectively as a sawmill-type environment, hence it produces constant high-pitched cutting noise throughout the day with noise occurs daily from approximately 07:00 to 17:00 as well on Saturdays from 08:00 to 12:00. The tonal, high-frequency nature of the machinery makes it particularly intrusive for my family and pets and has resulted in a continuous and unacceptable loss of our residential amenity.

Concerns have been raised directly with the landlord on multiple occasions, including requests to prevent early start times; keep doors closed to reduce noise breakout or install sound mitigation such as acoustic barriers. However, these requests have been refused.

Additionally, the planning history shows that the lawful use of Unit 13 was B1(c)/B8 (now Class E(g)(iii)/B8). Class E(g)(iii) explicitly requires that industrial processes must be capable of operating without detriment to residential amenity. The current use clearly fails this test. This application is therefore attempting to retrospectively legitimise an inappropriate and harmful use, rather than proposing a genuinely suitable development.