

PLANNING REF : 250517
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 54 Century Drive
: Spencers Wood, Berks
: RG7 1PE
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Lesley Rich
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COMMENTS:

I strongly object to the planning application 250517 on the grounds below ..

The proposed development is totally within the DEPZ boundary.
The development would increase commuter traffic on the roads that are also designated evacuation routes within the DEPZ.

Peak commuting congestion could compromise the ability to evacuate the area quickly during an emergency.
Large housing developments such as this one would generate significant daily commuting flow in and out of the already congested traffic. Concerns . Morning peak traffic ,queueing at junctions, much slower emergency access.
The development would materially increase peak hours traffic movements on the local highway network, affecting both daily transport, emergency services and response capabilities.

The site appears to predominantly rely on vehicle use for commuting, which would intensify traffic pressures on the surround roads which are all minor apart from the Basingstoke Road which is backed up already at peak times.

What if an evacuation was needed and coincided with morning commutes. School drop off or pick ups, evening return traffic . Road capacity would be severely compromised.

Each additional household typically adds 1 to 2 cars at least which would result in delayed evacuation times .More cars and people to evacuate.

We have no rail options here, most roads are very narrow and Bus services are limited.

I find this application to be an unacceptable risk to public safety by increasing the density of the population near a major Atomic apons site.

The application has not demonstrated in my view that an evacuation could be accommodated rather they propose e. g .. School children having to stay in a bunker for an unknown time. Unacceptable.

We would have extra strain on an already squeezed GP services, roads are not suitable for more traffic and are already stretched, the proposed site entrance is on a bend and not a suitable location. Access in and out of the site would be disrupted. The existing small local roads, inflicting noise pollution and car pollution. The proposal has suggested a cycle route . but these don't really go anywhere. They have not covered public service issues .

I spoke to a promotor at the badly advertised event in the early days of this application . He told me to get the bus to my job to cut down the cars . I worked in Maidenhead which I have since left because of traffic in and out of the area at peak times.

The development would impact on mine, and our neighbours privacy, noise, light pollution as they have suggested sports pitches too, and most of all visual intrusion right into my home. We would honestly be completely overlooked. The homes would be overbearing and dominant. There has been little thought to existing residents and suggested an entrance through the local playpark . Unacceptable

because of the amount of people coming through a very quiet road with young children playing out in the space. They have only suggested a 5m buffer on the boundary for most of the development but CENTURY DRIVE HAS NONE I find this totally unacceptable.

The path, a small road is suggested with a tiny green area then fronts of high houses smack bang behind homes. There would be people, noise, light next to the fence line. How can this be acceptable. Along with homes built right behind the houses up to 2.5 storeys. Again totally unacceptable plus the land is slightly elevated so would be even higher.

The land also floods and the ditches are full over many months we already know from Thames Water that there are problems here. Where will the water go low point would be existing homes. We also already suffer from low water pressure already too. There is also a high risk hazard on the actual site, running through it, is a large Aviation fuel pipeline.

This is surely a hazardous risk at the very least, to try and increase the population right next to the fuel line. Money over health and safety. Yet again could complicate evacuation procedures in the event of an incident.

The area has an abundance of wildlife that needs protecting. Deer, many birds that often use the field during migration, a huge number of Bats that fly around gardens and the fields. The list goes on. This is pretty much the last green working farmer's field to the border of Swallowfield as the only other green fields are now being covered with Solar Panels which would be next to the proposed development.

This area has been used for crops which is much needed until less than 2 years ago.

The area is outside the natural boundary of settlement, Again I strongly object to this development on many noted health and safety and very hazardous issues along with personal annoyance of total disregard of existing residence personal space and living to have homes proposed so close to existing homes without a green buffer is totally unacceptable,

Lastly the area does not have sufficient infrastructure to support this application and the developers have only demonstrated that this would get worse if built.