

PLANNING REF : 251310
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 9 The Mews
: Farley Castle, Farley Hill, Berkshire
: RG7 1XD
SUBMITTED BY : Ms Tracy Bunn
DATE SUBMITTED : 23/06/2025

COMMENTS:

I strongly support the need for a full Environmental Impact Assessment for this proposed development.

The proposed development is of a green field site containing ancient woodland, in a Valued landscape, close to an SSSI. It is highly likely to have a detrimental impact on the local wildlife, as well as the hamlet of Farley Hill. It's scale is more than 3x the size of the current village, which alone will bring much increased traffic, and light pollution, and change the character of the local environment completely. There has already been considerable development in Arborfield and Shinfield, with more planned at Hall Farm, and this cumulative impact needs to be properly assessed. It is also creating one major urban area without any clear boundaries. The reduction in local habitats is already making it increasingly difficult for the wildlife, and the loss of further habitats and the consequences for the birds, deer and other animals will be irreversible. The loss of natural spaces and impact of more traffic on the local lanes is an increasing concern with local cyclists, walkers and horse riders too.

The scale of the number of houses and size of land affected is considerably greater than the schedule 2 limits. I believe a full EIA is the only way to really understand the impact of such a development. Please ensure an EIA is completed.