

PLANNING REF : 241567
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Redgauntlet Finchampstead
: Wokingham, Berkshire
: RG40 4XH
SUBMITTED BY : Ms Deborah Chalfont
DATE SUBMITTED : 19/07/2024

COMMENTS:

I am writing to formally object to the planning application for the development of 40 new homes on land off Longwater Road, Finchampstead.

While I appreciate the need for housing, there are several significant issues that must be considered:

1. Sustainability:

The proposed development would lead to an increase in local traffic. Most dwellings are expected to have two cars, increasing congestion even without additional visitor and delivery journeys.

The absence of a nearby doctor's surgery and lack of shops in the village would further necessitate car travel, adding to the strain on local roads.

2. Public Transport:

Finchampstead lacks direct bus routes, and the nearest railway station is several miles away. This deficiency in public transport options would force residents to rely heavily on private vehicles, again contributing to traffic congestion.

3. Urbanisation:

The concentration of 40 new homes in this area would be unprecedented within the village. Such density could strain existing infrastructure, including roads, utilities, and community services.

Furthermore the ratio of affordable housing to private housing is excessive and should not be used as a means to obtain planning consent.

4. Conservation:

The proposed dwellings would encroach upon land that currently serves as habitat for protected species and would undoubtedly have an ecological impact.

Additionally, altering the aesthetics of the surrounding countryside could diminish its natural beauty and disrupt the existing ecosystem.

I urge the Wokingham Borough Council to thoroughly assess these concerns and reject this planning application thus preserving the character and sustainability of our community.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.