

PLANNING REF : 250733
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 31 Attwood Drive
: Arborfield, Reading, Berkshire
: RG29FE
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Nicki McLean
DATE SUBMITTED : 13/04/2025

COMMENTS:

No more houses. No more cars. This planning is NOT in the local plan. Arborfield has become a concrete jungle impacting our wildlife (Deer, Badgers, Rabbits, Foxes, Dormice, Bats, Hedgehogs to name a few), countryside and environment. 135 houses means around another 162 cars on our already congested roads in the mornings and evening based on the average household having 1.2 cars. With grid locks at the

Winnersh, Hatch Farm & Black Boy Roundabout every day which give access to the M4 from Arborfield. The access points onto a 50 mph road seems incredibly dangerous and another access point onto an already busy roundabout which would then have 5 exits is absurd. The road calming bollards in Arborfield cause daily tail backs, near miss accidents and pollution with idling engines. With another 162 cars as a minimum to add to our already extremely busy country roads is just unacceptable with the increased levels of pollution.

There are

inadequate amenities - no dentist, no additional doctors surgery - Swallowfield surgery is overwhelmed with the numbers of people registered to it. Why not utilise the land with something sustainable - a wind farm rather than the loss of more green space.

This development would further erode the green gap between Arborfield Green and Arborfield Village, be unsightly, unnecessary, thoroughly destructive to existing open & green land, whilst creating negative environmental effects caused by more cars in an already heavily congested area for traffic. The increase in traffic goes against all environmental policies of reducing car congestion on our roads and yet the Council wants to be more sustainable. The destruction of a huge area of green space is also very concerning. The planners talk about making a beautiful greenspace with new tree planting, but there is already a beautiful greenspace on this site with a very established ecology and biodiversity. The planting of new trees is not going to offset the damage done in constructing 135 dwellings and the traffic and noise resulting from such construction. Services such as water

would be more overloaded with more houses with the regular dumping of sewage into Barkham Brook and our local waterways running for hours. We have lived with the noise of constant construction in Arborfield

and the surrounding areas for years. When will it end? It is a totally inconsiderate planning application, which has no interest in maintaining and improving the quality of life for Arborfield residents. We do not need any further new housing in Arborfield, we need improved services, the reuse of the many unused industrial buildings closer to the town centre and protection of what little greenspace we have left. As such, I strongly oppose this planning application.