

PLANNING REF : 251486
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 90 Evendons Lane
: Wokingham, Berkshire
: RG41 4AG
SUBMITTED BY : Mr PETER KHOSHABA
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COMMENTS:

I wish to register my strong opposition to the proposed development of 16 residential homes on land west of Edneys Hill, Barkham. My concerns are outlined below:

UNSAFE ACCESS AND TRAFFIC CONCERNS

The narrow country lanes surrounding the site are wholly unsuitable for increased traffic volumes. Accommodating 16 new homes could mean at least 32 additional vehicles using these roads daily, together with delivery vehicles. I find it deeply concerning it is neither practical nor safe, posing a significant risk to both motorists and pedestrians.

INCONSISTENT WITH WOKINGHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL'S STRATEGIC PLAN

This parcel of land has never been earmarked for development in Wokingham Borough Council's strategic planning documents. A previous application for this site was rightly refused, and there has been no justification for revisiting it now.

EROSION OF RURAL CHARACTER

The proposed scheme would severely compromise the visual integrity of the area. It represents yet another encroachment on the countryside an unnecessary and irreversible change to the landscape.

WIDER CONTEXT: CROWTHORNE AND SURROUNDING AREAS

This development cannot be viewed in isolation. Nearby areas such as Crowthorne, Arborfield, and Finchampstead have already seen extensive land loss due to large-scale housing projects. Although Crowthorne falls under Bracknell Forest, the cumulative effect is increased congestion and environmental strain across the region. We do not need further vehicles in this area.

LACK OF SUPPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE

Local infrastructure is already under pressure. Schools are oversubscribed, with children being placed outside the borough. Access to healthcare is limited routine GP appointments are difficult to secure, and dental waiting times exceed three months. Adding more residents without addressing these issues is unsustainable.

THREAT TO WILDLIFE AND NATURAL HABITATS

Continued development in this area is have a devastating impact on local wildlife. As green spaces disappear, so too do the habitats that support biodiversity. The long-term ecological consequences cannot be ignored.