

PLANNING REF : 252934
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Salix
: Tape Lane, Hurst Reading, Berkshire
: RG10 0DP
SUBMITTED BY : Prof David Clifford Bassett
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COMMENTS:

My principal objection is that this application seeks to extend the boundary of development in Hurst along Lodge Road outside the defined settlement boundary. This would set a dangerous precedent and should not be allowed. Not only would it bring unjustified residential development into open countryside but it would also be a threat favouring any future plans to develop the adjacent field towards Tape Lane for which an application has recently been soundly dismissed in part because of location and serious flood risk. There would be similar drainage problems for this development with no adequate explanation given as to how these would be overcome. Moreover, Hurst is not a sustainable location. It lacks necessary amenities such as a surgery, Post Office and satisfactory bus service which all necessitate the use of a car a factor which would be particularly pronounced at this development's location at the edge of the village. In summary this would be the wrong development in the wrong location.