

PLANNING REF: 261624

PROPERTY ADDRESS: Field Cottage, Whistley Green, Reading, Berkshire, RG10 0EB

SUBMITTED BY: Mr Nigel Burn-Murdoch

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COMMENTS:

This is yet another permutation seeking to build on the same field which has already been refused at every stage including appeal, having been turned down by our local planning officers and widely objected to by most residents of Hurst who have commented.

Hurst is clinging by its fingernails as a separate rural village after many infilling and ribbon developments on surrounding roads. This field is one of only two that separate us from Twyford and it is clear that should this latest plan succeed it will be used as a “foot in the door” precedent by the developer.

The field itself is very prone to flood and each of the 43 winters I have spent overlooking it standing water forms which in many years stays for months. I attach a view of this taken from my window.

There seems little point in repeating the many solid reasons which render the site as unsuitable as these have already been set out in great detail.

I think this series of repeat recycling by the developer is a cause of mental distress to many of our residents and it is difficult to not suspect this is intentional. The benefit of two “executive “ out of character houses on this site would do nothing to help with the real shortage of affordable homes but WOULD damage the status of Hurst as an ancient and rural village for ever. I trust that this latest speculative application will be refused again.

