

PLANNING REF : 250517
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 38 Kingfisher Grove
: Three Mile Cross, Reading
: RG7 1RA
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Monica Fisher
DATE SUBMITTED : 26/03/2025

COMMENTS:

Certainly, Monica. Here is the updated draft with a section on air pollution concerns:

Subject: Objection to Planning Application 250517 in Spencers Wood

Dear Wokingham Borough Council,

I am writing to formally object to the planning application 250517 for the proposed development in Spencers Wood. My objection is based on several critical concerns that I believe will have a detrimental impact on the local community and environment.

1. Over Capacity Road Infrastructure:

The existing road infrastructure in Spencers Wood is already over capacity. The proposed development will exacerbate traffic congestion, particularly during peak hours. The junction onto the A33/34 through the Three Mile Cross roundabout and the road towards Spencers Wood village hall are already significantly congested. Adding more homes will further strain the road network, diminishing the quality of life for local residents.

2. Health, Education, and Social Support:

Local health services, including GP surgeries, are already at bursting point. The addition of new homes will place further pressure on these services, making it difficult for residents to access timely medical care. Similarly, the local education system is struggling to accommodate the current population, and the proposed development will only worsen this situation. Social support services are also inadequate to meet the needs of an expanded population.

3. Effect on Wildlife:

The proposed development will have a significant negative impact on local wildlife. The area is home to various species that rely on the green spaces for their habitat. The loss of open space will disrupt these habitats and reduce biodiversity in the region. According to local residents, the area is frequented by deer, which come into gardens to eat fallen fruit from trees. The proposed development will eliminate these green spaces, leading to a significant reduction in wildlife presence.

4. Lack of Separation Between Villages:

The development will lead to the merging of Three Mile Cross and Spencers Wood into a single urban area, effectively eliminating the distinct identities of these villages. The green separation gap between the two villages is crucial for maintaining their individual character and preventing urban sprawl.

5. Noise Pollution Concerns:

The proposed development will inevitably lead to increased noise pollution in the area. Construction activities, increased traffic,

and the general hustle and bustle of a larger population will contribute to higher noise levels. This will negatively impact the quality of life for existing residents, particularly those who value the peace and quiet of the current environment.

6. Air Pollution Concerns:

The proposed development will likely increase air pollution in Spencers Wood. The area already experiences fair air quality, with pollutants such as Nitrogen Dioxide (NO₂) and Particulate Matter (PM_{2.5} and PM₁₀) being present[1](<https://www.accuweather.com/en/gb/spencers-wood/rg7-1/air-quality-index/2524819>). Increased traffic and construction activities will exacerbate these issues, leading to higher levels of pollutants that can cause respiratory problems and other health issues for residents.

In conclusion, I urge the council to reconsider the approval of planning application 250517. The proposed development will have far-reaching negative consequences for the local community, infrastructure, and environment. I hope that these concerns will be taken into serious consideration.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Monica Fisher