

PLANNING REF : 250517
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 9 Hunters Way Spencers Wood
: Reading
: RG7 1HW
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Brian Billsberry
DATE SUBMITTED : 16/03/2026

COMMENTS:

Further to my comments submitted on 9 March, I must again highlight the alarming rate at which greenfield land in our villages is disappearing due to ongoing development. I now learn that WBC has approved two additional large-scale housing schemes that will remove yet more of the remaining open countryside:

- Application 252138: 183 dwellings on land east and west of Hyde End Road

- Application 242484: 191 dwellings on the fields north of Arborfield Road, behind Oatlands Road

That's a further 374 homes - bringing with them an estimated 700+ additional vehicles - being added to an area where the infrastructure is already struggling. Our roads, schools, health services, public transport, and drainage systems are barely coping with current pressures. Approving even more development without meaningful infrastructure investment will push these systems beyond breaking point.

The development proposed in this application does little or nothing to address these long-standing issues. It represents yet another loss of irreplaceable greenfield land, further eroding the semi-rural character that we residents value and diminishing the environmental quality of our area.

Our villages have already absorbed far more than their fair share of growth. Residents are increasingly anxious about the pace and scale of development and the irreversible impact it is having on community identity and quality of life.

Enough is enough! I strongly urge you not to approve this application. It risks being the tipping point that permanently destroys the village feel of the place we call home.