

PLANNING REF : 261405
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Trevalfry
: Basingstoke Road, Spencers Wood, Reading, Berkshire
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SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Linda Gale
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COMMENTS:

I object to this planning application. The Community Consultation leaflet appears to have missed those of us on Basingstoke Road whose properties are directly adjacent to the Recreation/Pavilion site in question. To whom exactly were the leaflets delivered? How can the WBC expect relevant residents to participate in a consultation if they have no knowledge of it? And to reach a conclusion based upon feedback received under these circumstances, seems extremely unreliable and dubious.

Having had personal experience of being physically and verbally abused in the past by youths "enjoying the recreation area for socialising", I'm afraid I feel very doubtful about the whole concept. The entrance area to the pavilion used to be a favourite place for youths to hang out and I know there were many complaints about obstructive and abusive behaviour, leading to the erection of the sliding shutter, and even that was badly damaged by youths shortly after it's arrival! Also, during nearly every school holiday, I can observe from my back garden kids of all ages dancing and stamping on the roof of the pavilion, because they can and it makes them look super cool!

My point is, whatever facility is provided for children and youths, if it is unsupervised, it will be abused. I understand that local government bodies are encouraged to provide facilities to entertain and enlighten local children, and that is to be applauded; but I do not believe that enough care and research has been given to this proposal. I'm afraid I feel there is no definite answer to this issue and I do appreciate that our Shinfield Parish Council appears to be doing their very best to comply with local requirements, but this idea is not going to cut the mustard. After all, it is we householders who will ultimately pay the price in whatever form, when it all turns out to be a bad idea!