

PLANNING REF : 253110
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Hunters Wood
: Heath Ride, Finchampstead, Berkshire
: RG40 3QJ
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Robert Clarke
DATE SUBMITTED : 06/02/2026

COMMENTS:

I write to object to this application on the following grounds:

1) The proposed development is out of keeping with the local area -

a. The houses on Heath Ride are almost entirely individual in nature. The proposal is for effectively a mini estate of very similar

properties to be sited in the middle of Heath Ride

b. The height of the proposed properties appears to be out of keeping with other properties on the Ride

c. The scale and density of the proposed development is out of keeping with the rest of the Ride

d. Heath Ride is characterised by, predominantly, a single row of houses along the ride not four deep as per the proposal.

2) Drainage on the site and along the Ride generally is a major problem -

a. Whilst acknowledging that a detailed survey has been commissioned this does not reflect the reality on the ground. The front of the site up to the existing building is currently predominantly underwater (photos available) - indeed ducks are swimming happily in the resulting ponds.

b. The proposed new dwellings along with the new road and

hardstanding will exacerbate the problem however well designed

c. The mention of existing "extensive hardstanding" in the planning application is, I think, misleading as no hardstanding is visible from the Ride or on Google maps

d. Any attempt to improve drainage on the site will only shift the problem to adjacent properties to their detriment

3) There is no mains sewer in this part of Heath Ride. The resulting, not insignificant, additional foul water drainage from the proposed new properties will only add to the existing flooding issue.

I would also make the following comments on the documentation provided with the application:

1) The application states that "These operations have long ceased and the site is now functionally disused". The CIL Form 1 states that the buildings are still in use. I fail to understand how both statements can be true.

2) I was unable to attend the consultation meeting but it is clear that had I been able to attend I would have been unable to adequately convey my views as the questions asked only gave a limited number of response options and I would suggest that most residents took the "least worst" option rather than the option of providing their favoured answer.













