

PLANNING REF : 261722
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Suvikkuja
: Basingstoke Road
: RG7 1PH
SUBMITTED BY : Cllr Catherine Glover
DATE SUBMITTED : 25/08/2026

COMMENTS:

I am forwarding these comments on behalf of a concerned resident who did not want to be identified:

"I'm writing to object to the above application for permanent residential caravans, and would be grateful if you could pass my concerns on to the planning team.

My main worry is flooding. This land is low-lying, and part of the site appears to fall within a flood zone. As I understand it, that means the applicant has to show there isn't a more suitable site available at lower risk before permission can even be considered. I can't see that this has been done, and I'd ask the Council to satisfy itself on that point before anything is decided.

Related to that, I'd ask officers to look carefully at what the flood risk assessment actually demonstrates rather than what it asserts. From what I can make of it, there are points where its own figures sit awkwardly with its conclusions, and the emergency plan seems to amount to little more than telling people to leave when a warning comes through. These would be families sleeping in single-storey caravans with nowhere to go if water rose at night. I'd ask the Environment Agency to look at this properly.

The site also sits within the emergency planning zone for AWE Burghfield, which was one of the reasons this land was refused planning permission before. I'd ask whether the planning bodies have been consulted directly rather than the issue being taken as dealt with.

Access is a real concern too. The road here has a blind turn and no footway, and it isn't a safe spot for additional traffic in and out, still less for static caravans being delivered and taken away. I'd ask the Highway Authority to assess it properly on site.

I'd also ask the Council to check the ecology position, given the site was cleared not long before the surveys were carried out, and to confirm the plans and application forms are consistent with one another, as I'm told the site areas given don't match.

Finally, this land was refused permission in 2024, including on grounds of harm to the countryside and to the gap between settlements. Nothing about the land has changed since. I'd ask officers to confirm which of those earlier reasons still apply and to give them proper weight.

I hope the application will be refused, or at the very least not determined until these questions have been answered."