

PLANNING REF : 251310
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Halls Farm
: Foxhill, Farley Hill, Reading, Berkshire
: RG7 1UJ
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Sarah Elizabeth Drury
DATE SUBMITTED : 17/06/2025

COMMENTS:

I am writing to request that the proposed development of 650 residential units on land at Blackcroft Farm be subject to a Full Environmental Impact Assessment. It is on Green Belt Land and close to a SSSI. Farley Hill is classified as a Valued Landscape by WBC and as such, should be protected from any development of this nature. The area includes ecologically valuable and irreplaceable ancient woodlands, on-site ponds which may support protected species such as great crested newts, amphibians, bats and other wildlife. I have observed badgers crossing from the Blackcroft Farm fields in question, into my woodland immediately opposite on Church Road. Farley Hill is a tranquil semi rural hamlet and it is already being adversely affected by the Arborfield Garrison development, in terms of the greatly increased volume of traffic, with all the additional noise and pollution that that entails. This proposed development would destroy the semi-rural nature of the village. It is essential that the Environmental Impact Assessment is carried out with great thoroughness, in order to protect these habitats and the Valued Landscape of Farley Hill. I therefore urge the Council require this EIA to be carried out in order to fully understand all the environmental consequences relating to any planning decisions relating to the proposed Blackcroft Farm development.