

PLANNING REF : 241567
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 6 Longwater Lane
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: RG40 4NZ
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Dene Vanstone
DATE SUBMITTED : 14/07/2024

COMMENTS:

There are many reasons to object to this proposal including the following:

- This is very similar to a prior proposal which was roundly rejected by both the council and residents. I hope the applicants are not hoping to repeatedly submit the same proposal with minor changes in an effort to force this through.
 - The development is not in line with the Local Development Plan which was approved by a democratic process. Ignoring this would render the referendum worthless and damage trust with local government.
 - Infrastructure is already inadequate. There are numerous issues with sewage capacity, water supply, and the road network is growing increasingly crowded with Longwater Lane used as a high speed cut through. Current levels of roadworks, required repairs and closures signify the network is already not fit for purpose.
 - There is barely capacity at the local General Practice for existing residents.
 - There are no local shops or amenities since Covid.
 - The proposal is on the doorstep of the local efforts to regenerate the former quarry sites into nature reserves. It makes no sense to determine there is no environmental impact with these reserves encroached and bounded by housing developments.
 - Public transport links are very poorly served which would be essential for affordable housing provision.
 - There is only one primary school in the local area.
 - There is already significant development in Finchampstead in the local environs off Reading road (e.g Finchwood park) which is further eroding an area of natural beauty and increasing traffic levels unsustainably.
- This application strikes me as purely opportunistic with little effort to provide housing that would work or be of benefit to the community. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.