

PLANNING REF : 252430
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Poughkeepsie
: Trowes Lane, Swallowfield
: RG7 1RQ
SUBMITTED BY : Mr David Maynard
DATE SUBMITTED : 26/11/2025

COMMENTS:

I object most strongly to the proposal to build 79 homes on land south of Foxborough, east of Trowes Lane, Swallowfield (Ref:252430). Having lived in the village for 34 years I have personally experienced several problems caused by the 43% increase in houses over recent years. Swallowfield Medical Practice is oversubscribed and getting timely appointments with a regular doctor is almost impossible. The increase in cars and traffic in the village is significant and makes daily walking for my family and so many other people, including pedestrians, cyclists and people riding horses, much less pleasant and more dangerous.

The Cove development to the West of Trowes Lane will soon add another 20 houses, to be followed by the Charlton Lane development of another 81 houses. This will exacerbate the current problems. Another development of 79 homes is just too much and cannot be sustained. There are already infrastructure issues highlighted by Thames Water and there are no funds allocated for infrastructure upgrades up to 2030. The adequacy of electrical supply for further development is uncertain.

Further, the site is not in the current draft local plan and lies outside the defined village boundaries. There are no local primary schools, a very limited bus service and the area is prone to flooding.

So many reasons why this planning application should be rejected.