

PLANNING REF : 251486
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Square One
: 368B - Square 0 Barkham Road, Wokingham, Berkshire
: RG41 4DL
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Terrance Jukes
DATE SUBMITTED : 20/08/2025

COMMENTS:

I'm writing to object to the planning application to build 16 dwellings on this small rural plot.

As someone who lives nearby and values the character of our countryside in Barkham, I feel this proposal is simply too much for the site in question. Sixteen dwellings, in particular flats, on such a small area would dramatically change the outlook of the place and shut off the view from the hill, replacing open space with dense development that doesn't fit with the surroundings.

I'm also worried about the strain this would put on local infrastructure yet this number of dwellings won't make a huge impact on the borough's shortfall in housing. The roads in the vicinity are narrow and already busy, and I don't believe they can safely accommodate the extra traffic. The exit and pedestrian access will be unsafe too. Services like drainage and utilities may also struggle to cope with the increased demand.

Beyond that, I'm concerned about the environmental impact. The area is home to much wildlife and the disruption and erosion of this habitat for the flora and fauna including insects, and mammals such as Deer, Foxes, Bats and owls. Once green space is gone, it's gone for good.

I don't believe this is the right location or scale for such a development. I hope the council will take these points into account and reject the application.