

PLANNING REF : 251486
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Fern House
: Barkham Rd Barkham Rd, Wokingham
: RG414TG
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Alison Turley
DATE SUBMITTED : 21/08/2025

COMMENTS:

I would like to object to this planning application as follows;

1. Developers continuously try to remove this one last green wedge between Wokingham and Barkham. Luckily the council have been wise enough of multiple occasions to turn these down.
2. The fact that previous applications have been turned down for 5/8 houses, trying to put 16 houses and flats on this small green site would be even more damaging.
3. Building flats and one-bedroom houses is completely out of character with existing housing.
4. They say they are promoting alternative means to travel other than in cars is not realistic.
5. Edneys Hill is already a dangerous road with many locals avoiding it due to the chances of colliding with other traffic on blind bends which become single file. Adding what could be a considerable amount of extra traffic should be an unacceptable risk
6. Why do they think that the sight lines are acceptable when an application a bit further down has already been turned down, despite their line of sight being much better? This I believe was for just one garage, not the possibility of an extra 30 odd cars!
7. This area should try to keep as much of the wildlife as possible and should not allow its destruction. I see also they want to remove an ancient hedge which provides sanctuary to birds and insects
8. This whole area is quite dangerous for pedestrians. Adding young mums with children without safe crossings and adequate footpaths is a risk too far.
9. Most households in semi-rural areas have at least 2 cars. Where will all these extra cars park? Where will the families visiting park? The whole site, spilling onto Edneys hill will be a major danger.
10. This company are not local so there doesn't seem to be any understanding of the local environment, born out by some of their preposterous claims. I see they have a trust rating of just 2 stars on Trust Pilot. We should avoid these out of area companies that are obviously only interested in optimising their profits with no thought for the local environment or the residents that live in the area. Community involvement? When was this?
11. The bottom of the hill onto Barkham Rd and gardens off Edneys Hill are often flooded. This will make it worse.
12. Other proposed developments will have a much greater benefit to the housing needs of the borough and we should stop the attempts to build on every available small green space and try to maintain the semi rural nature of Barkham and other surrounding villages of Wokingham district.