

PLANNING REF : 252257
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 1 Hill House Cottages
: Castle End Road, Berks
: RG10 9TH
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Dan Nash
DATE SUBMITTED : 12/11/2025

COMMENTS:

Dear Planning Officer,

I am writing to confirm my support for the proposed redevelopment of the site on Bath Road. I live around the corner and also run a business on Milley Lane, both within 300m of the site, so I am very familiar with the site and its condition. I pass it several times a day and have seen how it has struggled to find a suitable long-term use in recent years.

I have visited the current plant sales operation that is based there, and while I appreciate the effort being made, it is not comparable in quality or range to established garden centres such as Squires just along the road. The reality is that the site has never fully recovered since the previous tenant left it in poor shape, and it has felt underutilised since.

A well-designed residential scheme is, in my view, a far more appropriate and sustainable use for the land. The plans show an attractive layout, with homes arranged around a central green space, which feels both thoughtful and community-minded. It will create a much better sense of place and will make a positive contribution to the character of the area.

I believe this proposal represents a real opportunity to tidy up and enhance a site that has looked tired for too long, and I therefore support the application.