

PLANNING REF : 261405
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Trevalfry
: Basingstoke Road, Spencers Wood, Berkshire
: RG7 1AE
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Trevor Seach
DATE SUBMITTED : 07/07/2026

COMMENTS:

Firstly I would point out that as a direct close neighbour of the Pavilion my household did not receive the claimed SPC consultation document, our first indication being the WBC notification card which arrived on 30 June (despite it's franking date of 17 June). If we had received the alleged SPC document we would most certainly have raised objection to the proposal along with, I suspect, the majority of other neighbours.

A consultation on an earlier proposal of very similar type some years ago did indeed raise so much strenuous objection from local residents, as well as concerns from Thames Valley Police, that the idea was abandoned, I think without a formal planning application ever being submitted. I do not doubt that if currently a proper consultation had taken place, as claimed, the result would be the same.

Having read through the already submitted comments I wish to add my objection to the application. I concur entirely with all other objections raised and, in particular, I strongly support the comments made by Chris Baker in his response of 1 July.

The Spencers Wood Recreation ground has a long and continuing history of Anti-Social behaviour which this proposal will only serve to exacerbate adding further to such issues that already blight the site's neighbours.

The Parish Council's own ASB experiences there with, just for example, the vandalising of the cycle racks and with the need to fit a security shutter to the Pavilion porch (which was itself then vandalised) indicate an ongoing problem which will only be further encouraged if the current application is approved. The SPC Planning Statement's reference to "good natural surveillance to guard against unsociable behaviour" is totally undermined by their own experiences.

I therefore request that WBC refuse this application.