

PLANNING REF : 250517
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 5 Marlborough House
: Basingstoke Road, Spencers Wood, Berks
: RG71FR
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Ben Blagden
DATE SUBMITTED : 25/03/2025

COMMENTS:

Should this development proceed, may I propose that Spencers Wood be renamed to 'Spencers Concrete'.

Traffic during rush hour is already intolerable for current residents of Spencers Wood. It often takes more than half an hour to move just half a mile to access the M4.

On top of this, the existing infrastructure has been at breaking point for years, and would be entirely unsuitable for the addition of another couple of hundred people.

Spencers Wood has a distinct village character that is cherished by its residents. The introduction of such a large-scale development threatens to overwhelm our community, leading to overdevelopment and a loss of the village atmosphere. Residents have previously voiced opposition to similar proposals, emphasising the detrimental impact on the community's character.

Whilst I acknowledge the need for additional housing within the borough, it is imperative that such developments are undertaken with due consideration to existing communities and infrastructure capacities. The proposed development in Spencers Wood poses significant challenges that have not been adequately addressed.

I urge the developers to reconsider this proposal, taking into account the concerns of local residents and the potential negative impacts on our community.

There needs to be an end to the blatant destruction of the local environment, and in the opinions of many, the area was already past its breaking point a decade ago.

I also find it hard to believe that adequate care has been taken to understand the consequences of covering even more acres of green space in tarmac. Spencers Wood constantly floods, causing significant damage to many homes, whilst creating an inhospitable environment, especially for our many elderly residents and residents with disabilities, due to paths being covered in deep water throughout much of the year.