

PLANNING REF : 260774
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Pound House
: Basingstoke Road, Riseley
: RG7 1QL
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Nigel Lunn
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COMMENTS:

I am writing to strongly object to the application number 260744 As son in law to a long time resident of Riseley I am a frequent visitor and my reasons for objections are as follows;

1. Traffic and Pollution

There are already frequent queues on the Basingstoke Road as road users attempting to join the Swallowfield By Pass and M4 use this road as a way of trying to jump the queue on the upper road. These queues are not limited just to rush hour as I have frequently witnessed them on the weekend. An increase in sitting traffic with the vast increase in cars a 44 resident development would bring is not only going to increase noise but also pollution. Traffic does not stick to the speed limit whether coming into the village or going out.

2. Access Point at Sun Lane

This seems an extremely unsuitable access point. As stated above this nearby T-junction is already a bottle neck and to have cars coming in and out so close to the T-junction is not safe and by widening what is currently and has always been a narrow country lane is totally inappropriate for this rural village landscape. The adjoining Bull Lane is also a narrow lane which will inevitably lead to more traffic trying to beat the queues by using this road which is another hazard as visibility coming out of Bull Lane onto the Basingstoke Road is very poor.

3. Destruction of Wildlife and its natural environment

There is an ancient woodland to the north of this proposed site and this diversity of landscape and wildlife would quickly be threatened by this development. I have seen a huge variety of wildlife from birds and small and large mammals both in the garden and on walks around these lanes and woods. The deer and other wildlife that would have been displaced from the recent Dukes Meadow development need a buffer and green space in which to live and shelter. No attempt at mitigating the loss is going to replace the devastation of the destruction of the green space these fields and surrounding woodland, trees and hedges provide.

4. Local Amenities

Anyone living in Riseley by the very nature of it being a rural village need to have access to a car so as mentioned above this is only going to vastly increase problems including strain on local services. Members of my family frequently already have long waits for medical appointments at an already overstretched doctors surgery in Swallowfield.

5. Flooding

It is obvious that increasing hard standing on any areas that are

currently agricultural is only going to make flooding risk worse. The clay soils of the fields collect the water run off from the Swallowfield Bypass. There is already a known flood risk in this area with neighbouring houses such as Cherry Tree Cottage having been flooded. No property should have to experience the devastation and inconvenience of flooding but with Heritage assets such as the listed buildings in the village these should be protected and risk limited but being that the fields are higher than the gardens it is clear that the water run off will only be worse.

In conclusion this agricultural land is not a suitable space for development and would be devastating for a village that has already accommodated more than its fair share of development over the years.