

PLANNING REF : 262274
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Henley Road
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: RG4 6DS
SUBMITTED BY : Ms L Smith
DATE SUBMITTED : 04/10/2026

COMMENTS:

Objection to Planning Application 262274

I wish to formally object to planning application 262274.

The proposed development would have severe environmental, ecological, and residential impacts that are incompatible with local planning policy and national environmental objectives.

This is not a conventional "brownfield" site. It is a wetland area and nature reserve that supports a significant amount of wildlife and biodiversity. The potential impacts of the proposed development therefore need to be considered in the context of the site's existing ecological value.

My concerns include:

Damage to the local ecosystem: Increased heat, noise, lighting, and human activity could significantly disturb wildlife and contribute to the degradation of this sensitive wetland environment.

Noise pollution: Construction and ongoing operation of the development would introduce additional noise into an area that currently provides an important habitat for wildlife and a quieter residential environment.

Air pollution: Increased construction activity, traffic, and vehicle movements are likely to contribute to additional air pollution and adversely affect local residents and the surrounding environment.

Heat and environmental impact: The development could contribute increased local heat levels, with potential consequences for both the ecosystem and neighbouring residents.

Conflict with carbon-neutral objectives: The scale and nature of the proposed development appear inconsistent with the borough's commitment to achieving carbon neutrality. This development risks undermining those environmental objectives rather than supporting them.

Pressure on local water resources: There are already concerns regarding local water shortages. Introducing a development that would substantially increase demand for water places additional pressure on an already constrained resource.

Impact on residents: Local residents may experience increased noise, air pollution, traffic, heat, and pressure on essential infrastructure as a result of the development.

Given the ecological importance of this site, the existing pressures on local resources, and the potential cumulative environmental and residential impacts, I believe the proposal should be carefully reconsidered.

I respectfully ask the council to refuse planning application 262274 on environmental, ecological, residential, and sustainability grounds.