

PLANNING REF : 262274
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 30 Edgehill Street
: Reading
: RG1 2PX
SUBMITTED BY : Councillor Louise Keane
DATE SUBMITTED : 04/10/2026

COMMENTS:

I object to the application for a Data Centre due to concerns that its impact on the local environment with no benefits to us. My concerns include the impact on the local nature around the Thames Valley Park area and beyond with the construction and the management of local resources. This includes the concerns about the expected rise in temperatures around the area and the use of water. This will impact on the habitat and food supplies as well as fresh water for the wildlife.

There has been mention that the excess heat generated could be used to heat local buildings and potentially housing but there doesn't appear to be any suggestion of what infrastructure would be put in place to achieve this so I don't believe that this will happen.

There is concern about the noise and we know that other areas where there are data centres this has been a significant issue. This can be disturbing for humans and animals.

The centre will be powered by fossil fuels which is completely the reverse of what we should be doing. We need to reduce carbon emissions not increase them.

Air pollution causes significant health problems as we know particularly respiratory ailments but there are also deemed to be links to neurological conditions including dementia.

I can not see any benefits this centre will bring to the area. It isn't going to create more jobs or provide security or enhance well being for the area. It seems that it is more likely to have a negative impact on our community.

I would urge decision makers to decline this application.

Cllr Louise Keane
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