

PLANNING REF : 252430
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Firestone
: , The Street, Firestone The Street, Swallowfiled, Berkshire
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COMMENTS:

The parish does not have the infrastructure to support more additional homes. We have had a number of new planning applications approved that will put a huge amount of pressure on the village and surrounding areas . This includes

- drs - the current doctors is v hard to get appointments with and under strain - this will add more pressure to it
- roads - they are all ready congested and many single track country roads . The access points to the area are about to have a large number of houses added already and will add to congestion and health and safety risk of an accident . There are no paths along the road or space for paths
- transport - v few links - one local bus that is not enough for current residents
- lack of schools and school places for any new children that join
- high flood risk - this is already a high risk flood area and new houses will not only put pressure on that risk but add to it and new houses are on a flood plain
- we had enough houses approved in the two fields in the village ready - we simply cannot cope with more and it is impacting the wildlife too- I walk around this area with the dog and see lots of deer on the field - there is also a lot of bio diversity . This is already being displaced due to the other houses so not environmentally friendly and taking up green space that's used
- drainage and Thames water supply - this is not good enough at the moment so not fit for purpose for new homes
- impact of more intensive building in a small village - noisy during the day and HGV constantly accessing - this will only get worse