

PLANNING REF : 252430
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 1 Maythorn Cottages
: Basingstoke Road, Riseley, Reading, Berks
: RG7 1QN
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Mike Whittemore
DATE SUBMITTED : 17/11/2025

COMMENTS:

As suspected, one original development in Trowes Lane has just opened the floodgates to others - this is now the third 'recent' application .the second was refused, but won by the developers on appeal, which was mainly because Wokingham BC did not have a current Local Plan in force to meet Government housing requirements, which I understood has now been rectified.

This proposal is not in the current draft Local Plan & lies outside the defined village boundaries - Trowes Lane is being ruined as a 'green' space between settlements, & in view of the last application only being won on appeal (for the reason stated above), Swallowfield should not have to suffer another one - the recent development in Swallowfield (& the surrounding areas) has been totally

disproportionate to the existing settlements, which is a semi- rural area.

The existing roads, doctor surgeries, dentists, school & public transport are all inadequate for further development, & the impact if more development on existing residents is also always underestimated. The developers will no doubt argue that there is adequate access to walking/cycling routes & public transport in Swallowfield, but this is patently untrue.