

PLANNING REF : 250974
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 2 West Drive
: Sonning, Berkshire
: RG4 6GD
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Gordon Jones
DATE SUBMITTED : 15/05/2025

COMMENTS:

This proposal is unacceptable. The original plan, accepted on appeal, was also unacceptable. This was a rural/golfing area creating a break between Sonning and Woodley. Sonning Golf Club is in Sonning not Woodley as stated in the current application. Following the 2018 consent the developers have done nothing to enhance the local area and benefit the residents. Enormous, out of place signs, along Pound Lane were erected by the previous owner and are still there, and a tree with a preservation order was cut down. Now the new developers have started the project with building the road entrance and clearing the site when the approved plan is deemed to be financially not viable. On top of that they are making a lot of noise with their heavy machinery well before 8.00 am, too early in the mornings according to the rules. They are also parking vans on a plot of land they do not own and on a dangerous corner.

The proposal to change the planning agreement after implementation works have started is a real concern. If market conditions are now inappropriate, then no houses should be built and the site returned to its original use or a rural environment. The developers should have presented the revised plans for approval before commencing work. The developers should not be allowed to ride roughshod over plans that were only accepted on appeal. The proposal must be rejected.