

PLANNING REF : 242067
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Calluna
: Tape Lane, Hurst, Berks
: RG100DP
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Frances Davis
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COMMENTS:

This latest application is nothing short of fantasy land hot the heels of being refused after an 8 day appeal in 2023

We moved to our house in Hurst overlooking this field in 1974 and then Hurst had a Petrol Station a Butchers a true Bakery, a full time Post Office and Village Store and no issue getting admission to preschool, village school , senior schools or an appointment at doctors in TwyfordNow all we have left is a village store and part time post office and a very ,Limited hourly/2hourly bus service only during Mon to Sat and not in the evenings Just days after the 8 day Appeal the Northern end of Tape Lane to well past our house was completely flooded as a result of the run off from the new houses in Cul De Sac where no surface drainage was installed

Hurst regularly floods and this field has in the entire 50 yrs we have lived here has always flooded for weeks or months at a time ...the entire sewerage system is so overloaded that houses along Lodge Road and some in Tape Lane and Sawpit Road have downstairs bathrooms overflowing with sewerage whoever there is heavy rain .Thames Water refuse to spend 40 million to relieve the situation by replacing the pumping station.

This entire Application is totally unsustainable is outside the village envelope was not included in the 2021 local plan and remains excluded from the new local plan .

The proposed density is far far in excess of anything already existing in Hurst

The notion that the 128 bus could be diverted through the New Estate and exit into a very restricted and dangerous turn into Access Only Tape Lane does not bear scrutiny let alone gain Transport Division permission...the proposed minibus is too limited to cope with either passengers going to Twyford Station or Wargrave Piggot Scholl which will thanks to new estates being built in Twyford out of catchment leaving only Forest Scholl in Winnersh and Holt School in Wokingham neither of which can be accessed by 128 timetable ...Just the yearly proposed charge for the minibus is more than anyone on comes adequate to buy so called " affordable homes " could afford 450,000 is well outside the mortgage amount even a married teacher couple can access as our relatives know all too well.

Every single school in the entire WBC area is oversubscribed made worse by pupils being transfered from private schools thanks to VAT raid and St Nicholas Hurst is already oversubscribed by Woodley overspill.

The traffic situation around entire WBC area is gridlock and air quality has plummeted.

The shortage of GP services across the area means waiting at least 3 weeks for appointments and as for Royal Berks Hospital that is a rat infested Mausoleum which simply cannot ever cope and should have been replaced many years ago but has again been shelved .

To suggest widening pavements along Hurst High Street or Lodge Road or A321 to Twyford would create a one way system , remove necessary onstreet parking for houses with no drives and cycle ways are simply not feasible throughout bad winter weather .

Every single bit of evidence provided by Hurst Parish Council, villagers, Barrister at the appeal in 2023 remains totally and utterly correct and since then the situation has regressed not improved since the village store remains under constant threat of closure

As for cycle and pedestrian accesses onto Tape Lane the very narrow nature of the Single Track makes it highly dangerous .
For all of above reasons and many many more I submit total objection to a huge high density estate being dumped just feet from my door