

PLANNING REF : 242067
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Field Cottage
: Whistley Green, Hurst, Reading, Berks
: RG100EB
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Heather Burn-Murdoch
DATE SUBMITTED : 16/09/2024

COMMENTS:

I can see nothing convincing in this latest plan to build 99 new dwellings over the last for 200 save for scale. Following the developers of the Sawpit Lane development riding roughshod over their permitted plans I have also lost all confidence that the latest

developer will not view this application as a " foot in the door" and do likewise.

There are already extensive well researched reasons for refusal which have been expressed by local residents in the village groups with

which I agree. This site is outside the village envelope and is unsustainable for development. Facilities in Hurst are basic, residents are mostly reliant on private transport. This development would greatly increase the number of cars whilst preschools, schools and GP surgeries, dentists and so on are already oversubscribed. Car parking in the area is already difficult, including Twyford station carpark. It would also be detrimental to the character and setting of Hurst.

Restricting parking in The Street and building a chicane is impractical and not necessary. It would spell the end to our village Post Office Stores and bakery. Cars are nearly always parked there while customers pop into the shops which slow down through traffic. The A321 is a narrow road so it would be difficult to add cycle lanes to it.

This site has previously on several occasions been considered unsuitable for development for many reasons and in my view, remains so.