

PLANNING REF : 262274
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 24 Martinet Road
: Woodley
: RG54TQ
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Susan Eley
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COMMENTS:

This proposed development is within a wetland area and nature reserve. Increased temperatures, changes to the ground, noise and construction will all impact on the ecosystem. Wokingham keeps sending out information about how it is aiming to be carbon neutral so it should not support a development running on gas and with diesel as a back up - these will cause both noise and air pollution. The proposal by the data centre to export heat in the future is interesting but can this be done without considerable disruption due to construction? If it is to be exported as electricity, the grid is already unable to support the data centre so it is hard to see how it could allow for additional load. There are homes just the other side of the railway embankment. These will suffer from additional noise but, perhaps more importantly in light of how hot it got this summer just past, they will suffer from additional heat. It is a known fact that the areas around data centres are warmer than the wider surrounding area. Additional heat when temperatures are already very high could be extremely deleterious to health. I am not against data centres - we need them - but this site is totally unsuitable due to its proximity to vulnerable ecosystems and housing.