

PLANNING REF : 252498
PROPERTY ADDRESS : The Spinney
: Church Lane, Arborfield, Berkshire
: RG2 9JB
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Barrie Mann
DATE SUBMITTED : 14/01/2026

COMMENTS:

My objections to the Loddon Garden Village development by Reading University are as follows:

1. The existing road network that is in the vicinity of the proposed development, which includes the A327, is frequently running to full capacity during peak periods. At the northern end of the proposed development, around Sindlesham Mill and Mill Lane, the area is regularly subject to flooding following rain and this puts a further strain on the already congested road network. The potential increase in at least 4,000 to 5,000 additional vehicles using the road network would be detrimental to road safety, quality of life and would raises serious questions about air pollution.

2. There is a lack of distribution of proposed housing across Wokingham Borough. There is overdevelopment of the same areas such as Arborfield and Shinfield.. Most of the housing is south of the borough where there are few transport links, resulting in residents being forced to rely on their own vehicles. Alternative options should be considered where there are existing transport links.

3. Hall Farm has for many years been a centre for Dairy Research. With the change in world climate and for the need to be more reliant on self sufficiency for food, we need to retain our agricultural farml and. Once this land has been concreted over, it is lost forever.

4. I have lived in the area for nearly 40 years and I am now experiencing the result of the significant increase in residents living in the area. GP surgeries are at breaking point and to book a routine appointment to see a specific doctor currently involves a wait on average of 4 weeks.

As mentioned above there would be a serious impact on traffic, flood risk and health care from the proposed development on his scale on the existing community.

I strongly urge the planning authority to refuse this planning application.