

PLANNING REF : 251020
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 1 Grange Cottages
: Broadcommon Road, Hurst, Berkshire
: RG10 0RD
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs KATRINA HINDMARSH
DATE SUBMITTED : 20/05/2025

COMMENTS:

I would like to object to this planning application. My first and main concern would be for the lack of parking. This cottage has no dedicated parking except for the garage and very small back drive area. It is already extremely difficult to maneuver just two cars in this small area, even with access to reverse into the garage, which will be taken away if this was made into accommodation. Having made this home into a four bedroomed property the parking is already inadequate, and would become a massive problem if someone was also living at the bottom of the garden, regardless of their reason for being there. These cottages are not connected well by public transport and most people would need a car to get around.

My next point is that although the planning statement makes out that the owner needs the accommodation to house a carer - I would like to point out that this property has been rented out for the 4 years that we have lived here and as I understand from other long term neighbours many years before that. I do feel like the landlady is trying to maximise the amount of rental she can get with this property and would be looking to rent out the garage as a separate dwelling.

My third point would be that despite her answering no to the question of large trees nearby - it is clear to see that the garage is completely surrounded by very large trees and the area is not maintained by the current landowner. During recent storms we have seen many of the smaller trees in the woods fall or have big branches blown off.