

PLANNING REF : 252498  
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Primrose Cottage  
: School Road, Barkham, Primrose Cottag School Road, Barkham, W  
: RG41 4TR  
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Elizabeth Kessock-Philip  
DATE SUBMITTED : 09/01/2026

COMMENTS:

I object to planning applications 252498 and 252769 for the construction of approximately 2,800 and 430 dwellings on the fields behind Arborfield Church, as well as planning application 242484 for an additional 191 dwellings adjacent to the above proposals.

These developments will have a significant negative impact for local residents, walkers, runners, cyclists, and wildlife, while offering no tangible benefit to the existing community. Although located within Arborfield, the sites would encroach very close to

the Sindlesham and Shinfield boundaries, resulting in the loss of a valued green buffer between villages.

The loss of this green field site would have a serious detrimental impact on both wildlife and residents' wellbeing. At present, residents and visitors enjoy the beautiful rural landscape, farm

animals, wildflowers, and regular sightings of many animal and bird species. This huge development would irreversibly damage this local habitat.

There is no clear benefit to the area from these proposals,

especially in the context of excessive overdevelopment nearby. Over 3,000 homes are already being built at Arborfield Green with minimal accompanying infrastructure improvements. Massive developments have also been built at Shinfield and Three Mile Cross, all of which have turned out to be urban sprawling wastelands with minimal additional infrastructure supplied.

With an average of 1.6 cars per household within the Borough, these developments could introduce almost 5,500 additional vehicles, significantly increasing traffic, pollution, and pressure on already

busy and deteriorating local roads, as well as overstretched services.

For these reasons, I strongly object to these planning applications and urge the Council to refuse planning permission.