

PLANNING REF : 241567
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Church Lane
: Finchampstead
: RG40 4LU
SUBMITTED BY : Mr G Jones
DATE SUBMITTED : 12/12/2024

COMMENTS:

I would like to register my objection to this application for the following reasons.

The Finchampstead Neighbourhood Development Plan (FNDP), overwhelmingly supported by local residents who responded, identified certain principles including that development "should maintain the separation of settlements and complement the characteristics of the landscape." This proposal does neither.

The proposed development land is designated as greenfield, i.e. defined as 'Countryside' in the FNDP and by WBC. The proposed development is outside settlement designated as Development Areas (WBC, Local Plan Update).

The proposed development will place an additional strain on already overburdened local public amenities (surgery, schools, local shops and associated parking).

The development will add to the volume of traffic in an area underserved by public transport.

The house designs are out of character with the existing housing stock in Finchampstead.

The proposed development risks negatively impacting local fauna and flora given its proximity to Burnmoor Meadow, the Blackwater River and open countryside.