

PLANNING REF : 242421
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Hill View House
: School Road, Barkham, Berkshire
: RG41 4TN
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Matthew Arris
DATE SUBMITTED : 30/09/2024

COMMENTS:

I wish to formally object to the proposed development on the following grounds:

- 1) The village lacks sufficient public transport infrastructure, with a very limited bus service. This would likely compel the additional 240 residents to rely heavily on private vehicles.
- 2) The local roads are already subject to significant congestion, with frequent queues during peak hours. An influx of additional traffic would exacerbate these issues.
- 3) The area around the village school is particularly congested during drop-off and pick-up times, and the planned estate access routes pass directly through this high-traffic zone.
- 4) This development would eliminate the green buffer between Arborfield village and Barkham, impacting the rural character of the area.
- 5) The proposed estate does not appear to provide sufficient parking to accommodate the two or more vehicles typically associated with each household.
- 6) The garden sizes in the proposed development are not in keeping with the character of the village. Many residents, choosing a rural location, would expect larger outdoor spaces to maintain and enjoy.