

PLANNING REF : 252444
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 3 Heathlands Court
: Wokingham, United Kingdom
: RG40 3AY
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Mark Willis
DATE SUBMITTED : 08/06/2026

COMMENTS:

I object to the planning application (#252444) based on the following reasons:

- The loss of the local Heathlands Riding Establishment - a valued community amenity.
- The loss of business for the tenant and Heathlands Riding Establishment owner, Toni Russell.
- The loss of home for both Toni Russell and the Maintenance Manager currently living on site.
- The loss of stables for over twenty-five horses and two dogs.
- The loss of five employee roles.
- Negative impact on the Horse-Riding clients & suppliers.
- Negative impact to the surrounding natural environment in an area classified as a Red Zone for Great Crested Newts.
- Negative impact to the local countryside, wildlife and biodiversity, including deer, bats, and birds.
- The site is outside the 'Settlement Area' defined in the WBC Housing Plan and unsuitable for new housing estate.
- Road safety concerns due to Heathlands Road lacking pavements, with deep roadside ditches, and a mostly high-speed limit.
- Hatch Ride is an uneven, single carriage-way riding track, and unsuitable for multiple vehicle access for a new housing estate.
- Additional congestion on Heathlands Road, already known as a 'Rat Run' during rush hours on an unsuitable 'B' road.
- Minimal public transport, making the area unsuitable for new families with limited accessible amenities.
- Increased traffic noise and pollution, which would impact residents' health and well-being.