

PLANNING REF : 260353
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Salix
: Tape Lane, Hurst Reading, Berkshire
: RG10 0DP
SUBMITTED BY : Prof David Clifford Bassett
DATE SUBMITTED : 06/03/2026

COMMENTS:

I object to this proposal on three main grounds: it is in the wrong place, will damage the intrinsic character of Hurst and put more traffic on the busy A321 through an unsustainable village. The site is not scheduled for development in the imminent Wokingham Local District Plan. Moreover it is next to an area which regularly flood extensively although this significant matter is ignored. The rural character of Hurst is evident in the views of open countryside which line all entrance roads. This proposal would erode such views to the north in this part of the A321. The Special Character of the site is also created by the pleasant mix of nearby buildings, including those listed, which would now be dominated by prominent urban incomers. The proposed new housing along Hogmoor Lane with its unfortunate exit road would irreparably remove views over green fields to the rear affecting the pleasure of many.

Hurst has now become unsustainable, having lost its many shops, butcher, baker, garages and Post Office leaving just one 'convenience store' and has poor public transport obliging residents to travel elsewhere for a surgery etc. Adding yet more cars to to busy roads is unfortunate at best.