

PLANNING REF : 241567
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Woodmoor
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: RG403TT
SUBMITTED BY : R R
DATE SUBMITTED : 10/12/2024

COMMENTS:

I strongly object to this application as the original points I raised have not been addressed by the revised proposal and the reduction of houses by just two to 38.

The development includes loss of trees on the site and the addition of new trees along the public right of way, eventually making this into a dark enclosed footpath, rather than an open safe one as today.

The developer's solution to the lack of public transport in the new submission is incredible, with a recommendation to increase the frequency of the current bus service. The likelihood of this happening is slim in a local authority with budget constraints. The new plan sets the houses further to the north of the site, and closer to the existing properties in Woodmoor. This makes no difference to the unsuitability of the site and in fact worsens the situation for existing residents.

The design of the houses with timber cladding is not in keeping with any other properties in the village and the proposed development will look at odds with the rest of the village properties.

This continues to be an unsuitable proposal due to the impact on the environment, transport, traffic, flooding, local amenities and overall unsustainability of the site. As previously mentioned, the site is not included in WBC's own long term development plan. The proposed site is outside of the village boundary and does not comply with cp9 of WBC's local plan, or the 2023 Finchampstead Neighbourhood

Development Plan. Finchampstead parish has already met the requirement for affordable housing included in the developments in Arborfield and Gorse Ride, both of which are more sustainable locations.

This urbanisation is also increased by the inclusion of street lighting which is uncharacteristic for the area. Lighting will also impact the wildlife, such as badgers and barn owls, which live in the field. The development would bring a significant change to the character of the village and the feel would be more semi-urban than today.

I have not included all the points in my original objection, but they are still valid and not removed by the reduction of just two houses.