

PLANNING REF : 241567
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 20 Cricket Hill
: Finchampstead, Wokingham, Berkshire
: RG40 3TN
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Christopher Gilmore
DATE SUBMITTED : 31/07/2024

COMMENTS:

As my family and I have been residents for over 50 years of Finchampstead and the local area, I am writing to object to the proposed planning application which has previously been denied. The reason for my objection are for the following reasons:

1) Given the local surrounding countryside and particularly the nearby Nature Reserve, it is clear to me that a development of this magnitude is completely out of keeping and detrimental to the environment. The bird sanctuary and other wildlife needs to be protected from this increased noise, disruption and pollution. It is a green field site and should remain such.

2) The lack of local services and public transport would require new residents to making numerous car journeys adding to further traffic and public safety issues. The busy road is already a cause for concern, and this will increase the current safety problems. It is a major safety issue not addressed. The access to the proposed site is also opposite the access road to the allotments, adding further danger both to car users, cyclists and pedestrians.

3) There are no shops, doctor's surgery or places of employment within walking distance of the site, with only one small local primary school. The proposed development is not suitable for this green field location.

4) The proposed site is subject to flooding, given the proximity to the Blackwater River and its flood plain and because of the natural run-off from surface water higher up the road which already causes flooding further down the road. Accordingly, the proposed site is unsustainable and therefore an unsuitable location for such a housing development.