

PLANNING REF : 241861
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 18 Shipridge Drive
: Reading, Berkshire
: RG7 1TL
SUBMITTED BY : Ms Karen Marks
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COMMENTS:

The same reasons to object remain the same when planning was proposed on the whole site. It amazes me how anyone could assume by reducing the size of the plot it would make this application any more acceptable. The highways infrastructure still remains unsustainable for this application. The same one way system still remains in place. These roads are ignored in the local council upkeep, the ditches remain full and are never cleared. There is already limited parking on the estate and parents dropping off and collecting children will only cause further issue. Hyde End Lane is already impossible to negotiate during school term because of Oak Bank School. This same road has a high volume of on street parking making the road difficult to negotiate all times of the day. School drop off and collection would make it impossible for any emergency vehicles to attend an incident along this road or into the estate itself. Fullbrook Avenue would become a rat run and we already have major issues with speeding, due to the already reduced parking availability there is a considerable amount of on street parking making free flowing traffic difficult and there are times when even the buses cannot get through. This proposal only seeks to increase that traffic flow through the main part of the estate. Putting any type of building or housing on this site would be gross incompetence and create an increased danger to local residents because of increased traffic and would, with the additional parked cars stop any emergency services getting on to the estate for an incident. If an incident were to happen at school drop off or collection there is a high probability that any incident on the estate would not be attended by the emergency services because of blocked roads which could then cause the death of a resident.

The only thing this site is suitable for is a wildlife area or woodland. WDC have not yet adopted the roads on the estate which means we have no enforceable speed limit or traffic calming schemes. In recent months we have seen an increase in police emergency vehicles travelling at speed through the estate at speed. WDC are already short of money to afford the upkeep of the current roads they have adopted, where will the money come from with an increased level of traffic. Surrounding verges, ditches and hedges are also left unkept. There is also a bus stop immediately outside the entrance which would cause a hold up in traffic and block the road as well as cause danger to children. Ryeish Lane has no available footpath and is only barely wide enough for a car to pass, the increased traffic will be a danger to residents out walking, this road is already falling apart because the water damage from the blocked ditches.