

PLANNING REF : 242665
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 18 Kingfisher Grove
: Reading, Berkshire
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SUBMITTED BY : Mr Brian POWLES
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COMMENTS:

I am writing to formally object to the planning application for the proposed development of over 40 homes in our community. While I acknowledge the need for housing, I believe this development raises critical issues that must be addressed regarding the current infrastructure and overall impact on our area.

Firstly, our local infrastructure is already under significant strain. Schools in our community are operating at or near full capacity, and the addition of 40+ homes could mean an influx of over 90 new residents, many of whom will be families with children. This could lead to overcrowded classrooms and diminished educational resources, ultimately affecting the quality of education provided to all students. Our schools should be a place where every child receives the attention and support they need, but this proposed development threatens to undermine that goal.

Moreover, access to healthcare services in our area is severely limited. Local doctors' and dental practices are already stretched thin, with appointments already difficult to make. The prospect of adding a significant number of new residents will only exacerbate this issue, making it even more difficult for current residents to secure timely medical attention. The health and well-being of our community are paramount, and it is unreasonable to expect that healthcare providers can accommodate such a sudden increase in demand without significant investment and improvements.

Traffic and transportation are also major concerns. The primary access road into our area is a single route, which is already prone to congestion, especially during peak hours. The addition of over 90 vehicles from the new homes would lead to increased traffic, further aggravating existing issues. The current road infrastructure is not designed to handle this level of traffic, raising serious safety concerns for all residents. Additionally, having only one route in and out of the community poses significant risks in emergencies, such as accidents or road closures, potentially leaving residents stranded and without access to essential services.

Furthermore, the environmental impact of this proposed development cannot be overlooked. The area designated for the new homes currently serves as valuable green space, providing habitat for local wildlife and contributing to the ecological balance of our community. The loss of this green area not only diminishes the beauty of our neighbourhood but also affects local ecosystems. Increased impervious surfaces from new construction will likely lead to issues with water runoff and possible flooding, which would have serious consequences for the area.

The planning committee should reconsider this application and prioritise the needs and safety of current residents.

The designs of the proposed occupancies also look to of poor quality, basic and not suited to the local environment.

This development quite simply is not necessary and is merely a result of greed and pointless land grab to profiteer.

I strongly oppose this, and so should other. focus more on Brown site development in the area rather than destroying ancient and beautiful countryside.