

PLANNING REF : 241567
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 27 Longwater Road
: Finchampstead, Berkshire
: RG40 3TS
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Rachel Burden
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COMMENTS:

We object to this new development for a variety of reasons;

1. Additional development will be detrimental to the "village" feel of this area, which is primarily why most people choose to live here.
2. Up to 40 new houses will bring with it a substantial amount of cars and traffic, which will have to filter through the village and surrounding country roads, causing congestion. The entrance to the development will be in a dangerous location, directly on a speed transition for national speed limit which, with the added number of cars that will then be using the area, will cause a significant danger.
3. There is no public transport services in this part of Finchampstead, and therefore this is not an alternative option for those moving to the area. This therefore means that the location for a new development is not appropriate.
4. The additional number of people living in the houses (conservatively at least 80, but likely more) will put more pressure on the local public services such as Doctors Surgery & Dentists, and there are little to no local shopping amenities within short distance of the development.
5. The area that has been marked for development is not an area that is listed on the Finchampstead Neighbourhood Development Plan which was voted on positively by residents and agreed to shape future development allocations.
6. By adding a housing development to the area, the distance between Eversley and Finchampstead is decreased, impacting on the individuality of the villages.
7. There is already issues around the sewage treatments in the areas and their inability to process sewage, I suspect this will be substantially worsened with a new development to cater for.
8. Finally, whilst I can see they have spoken about wildlife in the finished development, this does not consider the damage done to wildlife whilst the construction work takes place, and hedgerows & trees are taken out. Considering the work done to sustain the local wildlife, this would be damaging to the area.