

PLANNING REF : 260353
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Tape Lane
: Hurst
: RG10 0DP
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Louise Kendall
DATE SUBMITTED : 02/03/2026

COMMENTS:

I OBJECT to this planning application.

The field is outside the village development area and is key to defining the village border and the separation of Whistley Green. It is an area of Special Character and is the setting for various Grade II listed buildings. The field itself is full of wildlife and a space which holds excess water in an area which already has problems with a flooded main road and overwhelmed drains in wet weather.

The proposed development will put obvious strain on village sewerage systems which are already at or near capacity and are overwhelmed in periods of heavy rain. The nearest pumping station is long overdue renewal and cannot cope with current volumes. This means sewage mixes into flood water and fills the nearby road, driveways and gardens - the most recent serious flooding taking place in 2023. The proposed flood mitigation pond is not part of the site in the application and there is no information as to who would be responsible for creating or managing it. Data from the Environment Agency in 2025 shows this area as having a significant risk of flooding.

Hurst is not a sustainable location - this is noted repeatedly in various recent failed applications in the village.

There is no safe route for children to walk to the village school without crossing the busy road at peak times. There is not a single secondary school that can be safely walked or cycled to, the village children are placed at a number of secondary schools several miles away in various directions.

The buses which are available do not run at times for anyone to reliably use them as work transport, Twyford station car park is full before 7am, and bicycles parked at the station are not secure. The minimal bus service offered cannot be relied on for appointments for doctors, dentists, hospital or anything with a set time of arrival. None of these vital services are available in the village. There are few buses on a Saturday and none in the evenings or on a Sunday.