

PLANNING REF : 241567
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Woodmoor
: Finchampstead
: RG40 3TT
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Catherine Perrins
DATE SUBMITTED : 11/07/2024

COMMENTS:

I object to this planning application.

The village in Finchampstead is not a suitable site to accommodate 40 houses.

The village is only accessible by car, adding 60 to 80 cars onto these roads will cause additional congestion. There is no public transport. Buses no longer run and is 3 miles to the nearest train station. The nhs doctors surgery is already at capacity having to accommodate the development in Arborfield.

This site was specifically excluded from the Finchampstead Neighbourhood development plan and the local Wokingham plan, both approved by the council. This green space provides a nature habitat, next to a soon to be complete, nature reserve and this development would be a detriment to the wildlife we are trying to preserve, including bats.

We understand the need for new houses, but these have already been provided in Arborfield (which is still not complete) and further housing, including social and affordable, are being built in the centre of Finchampstead at Gorse Ride.

Housing developments of this size are completely out of character with the semi rural nature of Finchampstead Village. We have very little street lighting, which we want to maintain and this development would send traffic onto an unlit 60mile an hour highway, which is dangerous.

The site is outside of the settlement boundary according to WBC local plan, therefore you must object to this application.

We've lived here for nearly 20 years and do not want our green spaces destroyed.