

PLANNING REF : 253074
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Donnington
: Hinton Road, Hurst, Berkshire
: RG10 0BP
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Michael Corcoran
DATE SUBMITTED : 22/01/2026

COMMENTS:

I wish to object to the planning detail (reserved matters) relating to the approved outline application for 23 new houses between School Road and Orchard Road at Hurst (253074). This countryside site, outside the confines of the village's built area, is a key area in Hurst parish, highly visible to those going to the village school and the church.

Design & Materials

The Applicant's Design Statement has a good summary of the Key Character elements of Hurst, but has totally ignored them.

The impact of the development will be dominated by the excessive use of slate grey weatherboarding, reinforced by anthracite windows and doors. This would look dominant and out of keeping with all other building in the area.

The brickwork is uniform, with no colour variations or patterning.

There is no diversity in materials used or reference to the existing Hurst materials palette.

In summary, this proposal is what local people dreaded - a suburban-style uniformity, out of keeping with the nature of Hurst.

Site layout

The units fronting onto School Road are much too close to the road and are out of keeping with other properties in the road. The vast majority of homes in School Road are a good distance from the road, reflecting the green and rural feel to the village. It is disappointing to see that the site is now a brown colour, at odds with the surrounding green verges. It looks unlikely that wildlife will be thriving there.

Drainage

The Applicant's drainage strategy is unrealistic - particularly in relation to Hatchgate Ditch, which does not have the capacity to cope. The Applicant needs to reassess the plans in the light of the recent data and analysis that is available at WBC and the Environment Agency.