

PLANNING REF : 252407
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Apartment 5
: Northcourt, The Ridges, Finchampstead, Berkshire
: RG40 3SJ
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Douglas John Ridley
DATE SUBMITTED : 21/11/2025

COMMENTS:

- 1) the Original Northcourt Estate established by the Three Bramwell Booth Sisters (founders of the Salvation Army) envisaged an Estate surrounded by Trees and open spaces. Following the fire which completely damaged the original building. A planning application was submitted to Wokingham Council by Millgate - a developer and builder that reflected a different footprint for the Main block of Northcourt. Council rightly rejected that application stating that any re build had to follow the footprint of the original Building. Since that time the Gate lodge has been rebuilt but the style remains in keeping with the Northcourt style.
- 2) The planning application under review will undoubtedly result in at least two additional cars. The current infrastructure is currently at the limit and access to Jubilee Road is already a death trap waiting to happen.
- 3) The proposed development is Not in keeping with the current Northcourt style
- 4) The Northcourt Estate currently enjoys an abundance of wild life which will be lost if this proposal succeeds.
- 5) further development will undoubtedly put pressure on the local Primary School which is already at maximum capacity.
- 6) The area known as The Ridges has held a unique Heritage observation held by the local community, the proposed application will undermine this consideration.
- 7) The noise and construction traffic will have a devastating impact on Wild life and local Residents.
- 8) The Local Environment is not able to support an additional building within the original Northcourt Estate which forms an important part of the Village of Finchampstead along with East Court and West Court