

PLANNING REF : 250517
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 55 Larchside Close
: Reading, Berkshire
: RG7 1DS
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Richard Gregory
DATE SUBMITTED : 19/03/2025

COMMENTS:

I am writing to strongly object to the proposal to allow 400+ houses to be built on the land known as Body's farm.

Firstly, this land falls within the AWE evacuation zone. Why would you consider placing yet more houses and people in an area that would be totally destroyed if there was a major accident at the said facility? Traffic in the Spencers wood area is highly congested during morning and evening rush hour periods, so the addition of 400+ homes and an additional 800+ cars will only add to this problem. From what I can see on the plans, all of this extra traffic would come out onto the Basingstoke road creating a junction on a winding piece of road, leaving it open to becoming an accident hot spot.

This land is not a brown field site and until recently was used for farming, which the country desperately needs. By using this land for building wildlife will yet again be moved and forced into an ever smaller area.

If this application were approved it would mean years of noise pollution, disruption and dust from the construction taking place, causing years of blight on the current residents lives, including mine.

Moving on to healthcare issues, which are a particular concern of mine, the local Doctors surgery cannot cope at this present time and the Royal Berkshire Hospital is overloaded with work in a building that is not fit for purpose but that will have to keep going for a further ten years without the possibility of a new hospital being built, making the idea of more housing and more people a ridiculous, especially as there is the proposal to build 4000 houses at Hall Farm Arborfield. Which will also impact the local community, infrastructure and local hospital massively.