

PLANNING REF : 241567
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 9 Burnmoor Meadow
: Finchampstead, Berkshire
: RG40 3TX
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Robert Habbitts
DATE SUBMITTED : 27/12/2024

COMMENTS:

Despite the changes made by the applicant, I would like to object to this application for the following reasons:-

1. The land is very boggy and gets water logged very quickly. Building houses and roads on this land would mean that the water would have to drain to somewhere else which would exasperate the situation on neighbouring land.
2. The site was not included in the Finchampstead Neighbourhood Plan which was approved by the local residents and adopted by the Borough Council in 2023.
3. The site is adjacent to the extension of Moor Green Lakes Nature Reserve.
Birds and animals from this often use this field and any building and lighting on this site would have a detrimental impact on the wildlife which the Nature Reserve is there to enhance.
4. The local road infrastructure is not suited to this development. Longwater Road is already a busy road with a high number of vehicles (including large goods vehicles and school coaches) and this site would add further traffic to this at risk to other local road users. The pavement down this stretch of Longwater Road is also very narrow meaning that two people cannot walk side by side. It is often the case that when pedestrians pass each other, one person is in the road.
- 5) The entrance way to this site is adjacent to one of the exits to Woodmoor and is directly opposite the access way to the allotment site. These junctions are already difficult to exit from and adding another entranceway to this area could cause further problems.
- 6) The site forms part of the "green barrier" between Finchampstead and Eversley. As such it should be kept as green open space.
- 7) The local amenities would not be able to cope with the increase in households. The nearest supermarket is a drive away and there is no regular bus service. The footpaths are narrow, and in some circumstances non-existent. Furthermore the local school and Doctors Surgery could be overwhelmed.
- 7) The local sewerage treatment plant is already struggling with the current number of properties that are connected to it. This development will cause even more issues.
- 8) The site is often a place where geese, deer and other animals are seen. This development would destroy this habitat and would result in the loss of the "countryside" feel that the village has and would be detrimental to those who enjoy walking in this area.

9) The proposed "alleyway" between Woodmoor and the site is not inkeeping with the area. This is too urban and would create a "town" like feel to the village. Furthermore it could attract anti-social behavior and crime.

For the reasons quoted above I respectfully ask that the application be rejected

R Habbitts