

PLANNING REF : 252430
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 1
: Foxborough, S Swallowfield, Reading, Berks
: RG7 1RW
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Janice Thomas
DATE SUBMITTED : 27/11/2025

COMMENTS:

I wish to object to the application on the grounds that it is impracticable for the following reasons:

- there is inadequate support in place from Thames Water and maybe also the electricity supplier
- the surgery is already overloaded with, I understand, more than 16000 patients to care for
- while there is, in practice, an hourly bus into Reading there is no public transport to the likes of Wokingham, Woodley or any other shopping area. Therefore anyone living in Swallowfield is dependent on having their own means of transport, This, in turn, will add even more cars on the local country roads.

Access to the proposed site is solely via Trowes Lane which is still a country lane with no obvious means of widening it without intrusion on the existing properties.

- widening Trowes Lane to make it such that two vehicles can pass safely would require the filling in of the ditches that currently fill to overflowing in wet weather and are absolutely necessary for the drainage. Losing the drainage via the ditches will cause major flooding on the proposed new housing site, and maybe also the access road and existing adjacent properties.

The water level on the site to the West of Trowes Lane has already been proven to be high just 3 feet below the surface - recent digging has shown this to be an issue. As the houses in Foxborough are known to have been built on an old pond and an area prone to flooding the proposed site will be equally liable to flooding and all the more so with the loss of fields and drainage that are so necessary.

- the pavements, where they exist, both within Swallowfield village and for anyone venturing further, e.g. needing to walk down Basingstoke Road, are too narrow for children, wheelchairs etc. I always choose to walk on the road as the pavements are unsafe - narrow, sloping and in many places overgrown.

Overall the village is not somewhere to encourage newcomers who have, or plan to have, a family as with no local schools, limited public transport and unsafe local roads for walking on it has many limitations.