

PLANNING REF : 260774
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 6 Old Riseley Stores
: 6 Old Riseley S Basingstoke Road, Reading, Non-Us/Other
: RG7 1QF
SUBMITTED BY : Mr George Street
DATE SUBMITTED : 17/05/2026

COMMENTS:

I must object to this development in the strongest terms.

Riseley is a small, semi-rural village with amenities amounting to a pub, tennis club and a tearoom. It has no shopping or medical facilities nor any large employment potential and is thus simply viewed as a dormitory village located conveniently close to Reading.

This extra housing will impose extra strain on the already over-stretched utilities. We often have power-cuts and loss of water supply; there is no gas supply. This will only make things worse.

Two large developments have already been approved to the south of Swallowfield that will undoubtedly overload the utilities and medical facilities of the area, so this is most likely to be the straw that breaks the camel's back.

History has shown that simply adding more and more housing to an area without providing local support to those living there will inevitably cause the decline of that area; is that what the councillors want for us?

As more housing is being called for by central government, the move to develop our landscape must be managed properly, not simply executed by a myriad of small developments. There is a crying need for extra retail, medical and leisure facilities and these must be developed hand-in-hand; not individual, small-scale housing developments that each can duck-out of providing for the needs of the community that they are cumulatively creating.

However, I don't expect this objection to be upheld or even listened-to. "Progress" speaks louder than votes. So can I please request that due concern and consideration be given to the local bat population, common pipistrelle amongst others, that feed on the insects around the trees and hedges along Bull Lane and Sun Lane.

Please have the courage to reject this housing development and seek to provide facilities for the betterment of this community.

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