

PLANNING REF : 242067
PROPERTY ADDRESS : The Paddocks
: the paddocks Lodge Road, Reading
: RG100EG
SUBMITTED BY : Ms jan copland
DATE SUBMITTED : 19/09/2024

COMMENTS:

I object to the proposed development and ask that W.B.C refuse the proposal.

I live in lodge road adjacent to the proposed development site. A development of 99 homes will increase the traffic by over 200 cars. The traffic on Lodge road is heavy . drivers regularly exceed the speed limit and the road can be difficult to pull out on to with a car and difficult to cross as a pedestrian. An increase of 200 plus vehicles will impact the local road network with journeys to school .station .supermarkets , medical appointments etc. Add to that deliveries and visitors and the impact will be greater.

The idea that Hurst will be some super cycle highway is just not feasible. The roads are not wide enough. some people may cycle but in inclement weather no one is going to walk to school or the station. They will take the car - we all do. it is not realistic to provide a bus service for 16 people and expect the owners of the "Affordable" houses burdened with new mortgages and set up costs , to contribute to a service they are unlikely to use . Busy families and commuters pressed for time will not chance getting a place on a bus for sixteen people especially if young children are accompanied by an adult. families will be reluctant to pay for a service in school holidays.

The schools in the area are already oversubscribed for locals , the development at Bridge farm will exacerbate that problem ,as the children there will be given priority on the grounds of location. The station carpark is full by 7.30 am every day. People have already started to park along the main road leading to the station causing quite a traffic hazard at peak times.

There will be an adverse affect on the flora and fauna , existing hedgerows on Lodge road are a wildlife corridor for many species . Even if they are replaced , it will be some time before they are established well enough to replace lost habitats.

There have been many studies and on going exercises highlighting the value of open spaces with views. No consideration has been given to the well being of the people who bought houses overlooking the proposed development. However many ideas submitted for green spaces ,play areas etc will not hide the fact that 100 homes will obscure views , cause noise and create traffic and parking problems. Providing some of these amenities will depend on future consultations and cost implications for maintenance.

I ask that WDC refuse this application.

