

PLANNING REF : 242067
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Whistley Bridge House
: Whistley Bridge Whistley Mill Lane Whistley Green, Reading, B
: RG10 0RA
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Terry Lawlor
DATE SUBMITTED : 19/09/2024

COMMENTS:

We have lived in Whistley Green for the past 6 years and value the rural community and the beautiful countryside surrounding Whistley Green and between Whistley Green and Hurst. The planning application is in violation of the current WBC Local Plan, so should be rejected on that basis alone. In addition, there are numerous other reasons why this planning application should be rejected:

- There is not the infrastructure in place to support such a large increase in the adult and child population of the village.

- There are also concerns about the significantly increased level of traffic through Hurst and Whistley Green that would result, causing safety issues as well as environmental issues.

- There aren't the schools to support the education of pre-school and primary school children and the proposed additional transport links cannot provide a safe or sufficient way to enable children to get to and from other primary schools.

- We have already witnessed issues with flooding and drainage in the villages of Hurst and Whistley Green and this development could have very serious implications by making this a lot worse, with the potential to cause millions of pounds of damage to existing houses.

- This development will have a negative impact on nature in the area, through removal of hedgerows, trees and many different habitats for wildlife.

We enjoy walking and cycling in the area and this threatens the peace and quiet, the beauty, and the safety of these kind of activities. We can't emphasise enough that a large development such as this will be severely detrimental to the character, beauty and rural nature of Hurst and Whistley Green, representing unacceptable urbanisation of these countryside villages.