

PLANNING REF : 252407
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 5 Northcourt
: The Ridges Ridges, Finchampstead, Berkshire
: RG40 3SJ
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Douglas John Ridley
DATE SUBMITTED : 19/06/2026

COMMENTS:

The area known as Northcourt was formerly owned by the Bramwell Booth Sisters, who were the founders of the Salvation Army. The main house burnt down in the late 90's. The land and burnt property were purchased by Millgate homes who submitted a number of planning applications in order to develop the derelict property. Wokingham Borough Council insisted that the Application had to fit on the defect footprint and had to be in keeping with other properties in the area. To this date all planning approvals have had to adhere to this code.

The current application 252407 in No way meets the above criteria. The proposal is for a New Build and its proposed location would totally violate the Victorian concept of the area.. The proposed development is located in the back yard of Mr Jones current property. The development will have a detrimental impact on traffic, which is already an issue, parking and access will also be problematic. Wildlife will be severely impacted during Construction and the proposed plan to house five vehicles will drive Wild life away from the area.. The current availability of property in the Ridges area clearly demonstrates that the area has already reached its maximum density and the area will not sustain an additional development. The laneways at the side of Mr Jones current property is completely unable to support Construction traffic or the proposed addition of five cars. Even currently it is not uncommon to see vehicles having to reverse back up the lane because of its narrow width. Any study of vehicle traffic down the lane adjacent to Mr Jones existing property will highlight the traffic congestion. In my view Mr Jones 's plabbing application ignores all aspect of the current environment within the Northcourt area and I most strongly object to the proposal