

PLANNING REF : 252498  
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 19 Springdale  
: Earley, Reading, Berkshire  
: RG6 5PR  
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COMMENTS:

In general, the reason why I should like to object to this development is that it would intensify the creation of the urban conurbation i.e. between Reading, Wokingham and Bracknell and thereby contribute to the destruction of the once largely rural character of Berkshire, which has made this part of the country a pleasant and (ideally) healthy place to live in.

Some specific objections include the unavoidable and substantial increase in road traffic with its congestion, air- and noise pollution in the Earley and Lower Earley area, which already at present is

insufferable at times. In addition, the construction of more new roads (and bridges) will only intensify the situation - apart from the environmental impact of more roads, roads and traffic! What is the point of cycle paths if hardly anybody uses them? (I am a cyclist and cycle mainly on the roads )

Another important point is the so-called 'comprehensive green infrastructure and landscaping': what exactly is meant by this? Looking at most of the houses having been built in the 1960s and -70s they had green front gardens, which over the years, and specially recently, have been concreted over and many of the trees been cut down although according the council regulations front gardens have to include a planted part, a regulation which is not being enforced! Related to this aspect, how many mature trees will have to be cut down as a result of the garden-village project? It should not be a single one!

It is also important to mention that the area is a flood plain, and with climate change the risks of flooding will increase; so, I do not believe that 'comprehensive drainage and flood alleviation' will work

Finally, any sports pitches should definitely not include the 3G version for environmental as well as health reasons, which include the exposure of the players to the toxicity of micro-plastics (research to date has not been concluded satisfactorily and the implementation of some alleviating measures has been postponed until the 2030s). Besides, will any regulation or 'guidelines' e.g. by FIFA be adhered to or enforced, especially if the measures prove expensive? (References can be provided.)