

PLANNING REF : 251398
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 248 Kingfisher Drive
: Woodley, Reading, Berkshire
: RG5 3LH
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Tejpal Chana
DATE SUBMITTED : 30/11/2025

COMMENTS:

Re: Objection to Planning Application - Extension of Temporary Hydraulic Car Lift at Rear of 246 Kingfisher Drive

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the application submitted by Mr Austin Burns seeking an extension of planning permission for the temporary installation of a hydraulic car lift at the rear of 246 Kingfisher Drive.

When the initial permission was granted, it was clearly stated that the installation was temporary until 22nd May 2025. Residents, including myself, accepted this on the understanding that the structure would be removed after that time. The applicant now seeks to extend this permission for a further year, which I believe is inappropriate and detrimental to the residential character of our neighbourhood.

Grounds for Objection

- Visual Impact: The hydraulic car lift is an unsightly and industrial looking structure that is wholly out of place in a residential setting. Its presence significantly detracts from the visual amenity of the surrounding properties.
- Residential Character: Our area is designated for residential use. The installation and continued operation of such equipment is more suited to a commercial workshop or garage facility, not at the rear of a domestic property. Allowing its extension risks setting a precedent for similar inappropriate developments.
- Noise and Disturbance: The use of the lift generates noise and activity that is disruptive to neighbouring households, particularly when residents expect peace and quiet.
- Temporary Nature of Permission: The original approval was granted on the basis of a temporary installation. Extending this permission undermines the temporary condition and effectively converts it into a semi permanent feature, contrary to the assurances given at the time of the initial application.

Conclusion

For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully request that the council refuse this application for extension. Mr Burns should be encouraged to pursue his hobby in a more appropriate setting, such as a dedicated workshop or commercial premises, rather than within a residential area where it causes harm to neighbours' enjoyment of their homes.

Thank you for considering my objection.