

PLANNING REF : 250733
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 31 Attwood Drive
: Arborfield, Berkshire
: RG2 9FE
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Nicki McLean
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COMMENTS:

I have already opposed this planning application for a number of reasons which still stand and have read the revised application.

This planning is NOT in the local plan. 135 houses means around another 162 cars on our already congested roads in the mornings and evening based on the average household having 1.2 cars. With grid locks at Winnersh Hatch Farm & Black Boy Roundabout's every day which give access to the M4 from Arborfield. The access points whilst, I note have yet to be agreed upon, can only possibly be placed onto a 50 mph road which is incredibly dangerous and another access point onto an already busy roundabout which would then have 5 exits is ridiculous and not safe. The road calming bollards in Arborfield cause daily tail backs, near miss accidents and pollution with idling engines. With another 162 cars as a minimum to add to our already extremely busy country roads is just unacceptable with the increased levels of pollution. Needless to mention the Hall Farm proposal with even more cars on the road and total destruction of more green space.

There are inadequate amenities in Arborfield - no dentist, no additional doctors surgery - Swallowfield surgery is overwhelmed with the numbers of people registered to it.

Arborfield Cross has managed to keep it's historic village look however Arborfield Garrison represents a modern town like vision which is still expanding with more houses still being built.

Wildlife impacts will be horrendous due to the loss of habitat trees and hedgerows.

This development would further erode the green gap between Arborfield Green and Arborfield Village, be unsightly, unnecessary, thoroughly destructive to existing open & green land, whilst creating negative environmental effects caused by more cars in an already heavily congested area for traffic. The increase in traffic goes against all environmental policies of reducing car congestion on our roads and yet the Council wants to be more sustainable.

The destruction of a huge area of green space has established ecology and biodiversity. The planting of new trees is not going to offset the damage done in constructing 135 dwellings and the traffic and noise resulting from such construction.

Services such as water would be even more overloaded with more houses with the regular dumping of sewage into Barkham Brook which then runs through our waterways for hours on end.

We have lived with the noise of constant construction in Arborfield and the surrounding areas for years. When will it end? It is a totally inconsiderate planning application, which has no interest

in maintaining and improving the quality of life for Arborfield residents - nor is it in the local plan. We do not need any further new housing in Arborfield and we should be protecting what little green space we have left.

Despite the latest details added to the plan I still strongly oppose this planning application.