

PLANNING REF : 242067
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 2 Gloster Cottage
: Whistley Green, Reading, Berks
: RG10 0DY
SUBMITTED BY : Ms Gabrielle Hoekstra
DATE SUBMITTED : 17/09/2024

COMMENTS:

I object to this planning application. This developer is continuing to create determined schemes to push through a large scale development in Hurst. The village is recognised in many previous refusals,

including for this site in 2023, as being unsustainable and the developer's proposals do everything but address these issues. Sustainability means growth in the right areas: improved flood protection, better / additional school access and places, local healthcare and shopping within reasonable public transport timings and growth that improves bio habitats. The developer has instead proposed a bizarre - and surely unworkable - revision of the Hurst high street, which will compound traffic issues. The proposed advisory cycle lane to Twyford will create danger on the road. I am a regular cyclist in the village and I cannot understand how the proposed cycle markings will make traffic slowdown and provide more room for

cyclists: data from many studies shows that these advisory lanes can increase dangers and risks. The scale of development of 99 houses is extraordinary for such a small village and will join Whistley Green and Hurst settlements, destroying the rural feel of each place. The 99 houses will be the largest and most controversial development within Hurst and would be against current WBC development policy (CP11) for the village. If WBC approve this application then it will serve as a precedent flag for other developers who eye Hurst as a prize rather than valuing it for its rural worth.