

PLANNING REF : 260577
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Tomlinson Drive
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: RG40 3NZ
SUBMITTED BY : A McMinn
DATE SUBMITTED : 21/04/2026

COMMENTS:

I object to this planning application for the following reasons:

The site is listed as countryside and outside the settlement boundary in the 2010 Wokingham Local Plan, the 2024 draft local plan and the Finchampstead Neighbourhood Development Plan. The views of the Finchampstead Parish Council (FPC) represent the views of our community and should be given considerable weight. I note that as part of their objections to Planning Application 260439 they stated that "the emerging Local Plan update contains provisions for additional Gypsy and Traveller pitches, notably at High Barn Farm, Barkham, within a few miles of this location". Therefore there are other sites more suitable and there is no reason to grant this planning application, especially as this application (260577) is retrospective.

The site is unsustainable, with no nearby services or public transport and it would introduce an urbanising effect into a rural setting and it would contribute to encroachment into the countryside.

The site lacks essential infrastructure, drainage, sewerage, and main utilities. Addition of hardstanding would affect local drainage and environmental conditions.

The site is on a narrow minor road with no paved surface which is unsuitable for large vehicles and caravans. Increased traffic use would pose a safety hazard at the junction of Range Road and Nine Mile Ride.

Trees have been felled and the installation of caravans would change the character of the area. The loss of woodland and green space is harmful to local wildlife. Making this application retrospectively would encourage further development of a similar kind, which is out of character with the neighbourhood.

I request that Wokingham Council refuse this planning application.