

PLANNING REF : 251862
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Downscombe
: 84 Reading Road, Finchampstead, Berkshire
: RG40 4RA
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Grace Sackey
DATE SUBMITTED : 05/10/2025

COMMENTS:

Re: Planning Application 251862

I strongly object to the above Planning Application.

I have resided in my property 84 Reading Road for over 48 years, enjoying the tranquility of my house and garden and the surrounding areas. The land which this application is based on was a turkey farm and orchard with a barn relating to this. It has never been a business park, although several illegal attempts have been made to change the culture of this.

1. Noise and Disturbance. The proposed change of use to light industrial and storage/distribution would mean additional movement and activities leading to a substantial increase in noise for myself and nearby neighbours which would be detrimental to our health.

2. Highway Safety. - The access track is owned by British Telecom and not by Mr Collard. It is 4.70 metres wide narrowing down to 4.10 meters. It is in disrepair. It has no pedestrian pathways. Currently it is estimated to be used by light lorries 27 times a day and very seldom Lorries

. Any increased movements would exacerbate congestion and safety risks on the busy A327 Reading Road.

3. History of Planning Breaches and Enforcement issues.

The applicant (Palmarium Properties Ltd linked to Collard Group Ltd has a documented history of non compliance with planning controls on this site, including enforcement notices issued in 2015 for unauthorised hard -standing and operational development on land rear of 76 and 80a Reading Road. Despite a Court case in 2017 where the applicant pleaded guilty and was fined full compliance has not been achieved. e.g. hard standing was not removed and reinstated with top soil to 20cm depth and no grass seed was grown as required, which results in the BT track and neighbouring property flooding. The Council have failed to escalate enforcements despite risks to highway safety which undermines confidence in any future compliance.

I urge the Council to take great consideration to this Planning Application and consider the honest law abiding citizens who live here who enjoy the rural countryside and wish to live in peace without the worry of scrupulous businesses trying to alter the countryside for gain.

Thank you

Ernie Sackey