

PLANNING REF : 250655
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Hamewith
: Heath Ride, Finchampstead, Berkshire
: RG40 3QE
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Chris Clayton-Brown
DATE SUBMITTED : 16/04/2025

COMMENTS:

I would like to submit my strong objection to the proposal for the following reasons:

This is an elevated development, in particular, the houses that will be built directly behind my property on the western side will directly overlook my garden and will also look into my upstairs windows. As such, this is an invasion of privacy.

The loss of the woodland will be disastrous and will cause irreversible damage to the environment. There are tree protection orders on many of the trees, and the woodlands are habitat to many different species of plant and animal. By destroying the woodland, and introducing a high density of housing, you also fundamentally change the quality and integrity of the landscape. The development will result in increased traffic, pollution, noise, and it will cause Nine Mile Ride to be even more congested and dangerous than it already is. Cars regularly exceed the 30MPH limit, it has to be said by a

considerable margin, with the exception of the once in a blue moon occasion, the speed enforcement vehicle is in situ. Extra vehicles emerging, excess speeds equals a recipe for disaster.

This planning is not in keeping with the rest of the area, instead of 'rural look' houses the developer has tried to squeeze as many houses as possible onto this piece of land in between houses purely for

revenue. As others have said Finchampstead simply doesn't have the infrastructure to support this amount of new residents, 26 houses will mean a large influx of new residents, with no infrastructure to support them. Schools, Drs and Dentists are all oversubscribed, with no sign of any improvements for decades to come. I feel certain that if this affected one of our councillors, it would not be approved.

I have recently had three new houses built to the rear of my property on previously undeveloped green land. I expressed considerable concern about the lack of drainage and the subsequent water levels, given we are and will undoubtedly continue to do so, increased rain during the winter months.

This area is also on an elevated level and the top third of my rear garden is now infested with moss and was exceptionally wet during the entire winter. It is only during the recent dry spell things have improved. Previous to this before the houses were built, the lawn was fine regardless of the increased level of rain. This will now cost me hundreds of pounds a year to maintain this area of my lawn as a usable space. All this was completely disregarded during the planning stage. Now with this new development, again in an elevated position, there are 11 new soak a ways, to be constructed on the western side of my property which will additionally affect my own property, I have no doubt.

There is also the removal of some large trees which will leave the area completely exposed and on view, unless substantial trees of at least the height of the new properties are planted immediately. I object to this development for the reasons above and would endorse the same objections already submitted by many others as part of this

planning application.