

PLANNING REF : 250412  
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 10 Century Drive  
: Spencers Wood, Reading, Berkshire  
: RG7 1PE  
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Denise Smale  
DATE SUBMITTED : 16/05/2025

COMMENTS:

I am writing to formally object to the proposed housing development at Land at Stanbury House, Basingstoke Road, Spencers Wood, RG7 1AJ.

This development raises significant concerns that I urge you to consider carefully.

Safety Concerns:

The proposed site lies within the AWE Burghfield Detailed Emergency Planning Zone (DEPZ), specifically designated as Sector B. This zone exists to protect the public in the event of a nuclear-related incident. Increasing the residential population within this area is fundamentally inappropriate and unsafe. Such development contradicts national safety guidance and places additional pressure on emergency planning protocols designed to safeguard public health and safety. ?

Environmental and Community Impact:

The land in question encompasses open fields and mature hedgerows that contribute to the rural character of Spencers Wood. These green spaces offer residents a rare opportunity to connect with nature, providing a sense of peace and reflection. The open skies and natural landscapes evoke a profound sense of awe, fostering mental well-being and community cohesion. Once such spaces are lost to development, the intangible benefits they provide cannot be reclaimed.

Infrastructure Strain:

The addition of new homes will exacerbate existing pressures on local infrastructure, including roads, healthcare facilities, and schools, which are already operating at or beyond capacity. The cumulative effect of ongoing developments threatens to erode the semi-rural character of Spencers Wood, transforming it into an overburdened suburban area.

In summary, this proposal poses a risk to public safety, diminishes vital community green space, and contributes to the unsustainable strain on local infrastructure. For these reasons, I respectfully object to the proposed development and request that the application be refused.