

PLANNING REF : 250415
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 4
: Cirrus Drive, Reading, Berkshire
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SUBMITTED BY : Dr Penny Fletcher
DATE SUBMITTED : 03/04/2025

COMMENTS:

Re: Planning Application [250415] for Shinfield Park - Shire Hall

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed industrial development at Shinfield Park, Shire Hall. As a concerned resident, I believe this development would have a devastating impact on our community and the environment.

Reasons for Objection

1. ***Loss of Woodland and Biodiversity***: The proposed development would result in the destruction of woodland, home to various wildlife and a natural barrier against noise and air pollution.
2. ***Increased Noise and Air Pollution***: The 24/7 industrial operation would generate significant noise and air pollution, affecting the quality of life for nearby residents and potentially harming our health.
3. ***Traffic Congestion and Safety Concerns***: The proposed development would exacerbate existing traffic congestion on nearby roads, increasing the risk of accidents and making it difficult for emergency services to access the area.
4. ***Incompatible with Residential Area***: The industrial development would be in close proximity to residential properties, causing disturbance and disruption to our peaceful enjoyment of our homes.
5. ***Insufficient Infrastructure***: The local infrastructure is already under strain, and the proposed development would put additional pressure on our roads, schools, and healthcare services.

Alternative Solutions

I urge the planning authority to consider alternative sites for industrial development that are not in close proximity to residential areas and woodland. Additionally, I suggest that the applicant explores more sustainable and environmentally friendly options for their business.

This site would be more suitable for small residential properties or small offices, rather than industrial use with 24/7 shifts, which would impact the peaceful environment we enjoy.

Existing Infrastructure Concerns

Our area already lacks essential facilities and infrastructure, which would be further exacerbated by the proposed industrial development:

- ***Lack of Parks and Open Spaces***: Our community is deficient in parks, open spaces, and recreational areas.
- ***Parking Issues***: The existing parking situation is already problematic, with limited spaces available.
- ***Insufficient Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure***: Our area lacks adequate pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, making it difficult for residents to walk or cycle safely.

Cumulative Impact

The proposed industrial development would have a cumulative impact on our community, exacerbating existing issues and creating new ones. I urge the planning authority to consider the long-term consequences of this development and prioritize the needs and well-being of our community.

Thank you for considering my objection. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Penny Fletcher