

PLANNING REF : 241567
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Fair Green
: Longwater Lane, Finchampstead, Berks
: RG40 4NR
SUBMITTED BY : Ms Tracey Brown
DATE SUBMITTED : 16/07/2024

COMMENTS:

I wish to object to the proposed development of this site. The site sits at the junction of a 30mph and 60 mph speed limit, Longwater Road is unlit, a narrow path to one side only, no pedestrian path on the other side - it would be very dangerous for both people and wildlife - which use the field access gate as a road crossing point. There is no public transport in the village of Finchampstead, this site and the whole of the Longwater area can only be accessed on foot or by car, there are no cycleways, only narrow, unlit and winding roads which will be made more unsafe for pedestrians and cyclists with the introduction of more car traffic through the village to access either Wokingham or any other nearby town. There is a sewage treatment plant at the side of the proposed development site which is already at full capacity, no further capacity for more houses / people. Finchampstead village has no shops and no doctors and only a very small village primary school. There was a recent statement from Our NHS Primary Care network which stated that our area is full to capacity and cannot support more people. This makes the selected site unsustainable. As this site is outside the the WBC settlement boundary it should not be included in meeting housing needs - there is a huge housing project near the Carnival Hub in Wokingham still awaiting completion (2 developers have gone bust) which does fulfil the need for any housing near to the town centre and other civic amenities. The field is currently a haven for wildlife - i have walked my dogs through the footpath for 15 years - apart from the foxes, deer, kites etc the meadow area is full of meadow larks in late Summer and the brambles and blackberry bushes along the public footpath down the side of the field are a haven for butterfly and moths breeding - usually at this time of year they are covered in butterflies - and late summer when fruiting. Just a couple of months ago someone in their wisdom saw fit to raze these bushes to the ground whilst removing the footpath fence the length of the field - destroying the habitat for the butterflies - it is only just recovering - but too late for this year. Any further urbanisation will affect the wildlife in this field and the adjacent newly formed nature reserve.