

PLANNING REF : 251862
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Laurels
: 92a Reading Road, Finchampstead, Wokingham, Berkshire
: RG40 4RA
SUBMITTED BY : Dr Suvra Pathi
DATE SUBMITTED : 08/10/2025

COMMENTS:

As a resident of Reading Road, Finchampstead, I strongly object to this application by a waste and hazardous materials company. It threatens our semi-rural community's character and quality of life, conflicting with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), Wokingham Core Strategy (2010), Managing Development Delivery Local Plan (2014), and Finchampstead Neighbourhood Development Plan (2023). I urge its refusal.

Key Objections:

1. Countryside Harm: Outside development limits, this urbanises protected countryside (Core Strategy CP11, NPPF 174-180, Neighbourhood Plan IRS4/D2), risking landscape loss.
2. Amenity Impact: Noise, dust, and pollution from HGVs and hazardous waste will disrupt residents (Core Strategy CP3, Neighbourhood Plan DH2, NPPF 185).
3. Traffic Safety: Increased HGV traffic on A327 endangers safety and worsens congestion (Core Strategy CP6, Neighbourhood Plan GA1, NPPF 111). We have had a number of near fatal accidents few metres from this spot on either side of Reading Road in the last 2 years. Heavy vehicles and traffic increases on this road will only increase this risk to residents and children on this road and neighbourhood.
4. Environmental Risk: Waste operations threaten biodiversity and pollution without safeguards (Core Strategy CP7, Neighbourhood Plan IRS5, NPPF 174/186). Risk to flora and fauna, green countryside, asbestos risks, pollutants and dust risks, chemical pollutants risks.
5. Policy Breach: Unsuitable rural site for employment, defying Core Strategy CP15 and Neighbourhood Plan TC1 (NPPF 105)

In Summary: This proposal irreparably damages Finchampstead's rural identity, resident well-being, affects health and safety, and environment risks, with no policy justification. I request refusal, acknowledgment, and updates on decisions.