

PLANNING REF : 241567
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 9 Corfield Close
: Finchampstead, Berkshire
: RG40 4PA
SUBMITTED BY : Miss Charlotte Rowe
DATE SUBMITTED : 31/07/2024

COMMENTS:

I would like to formally object to the proposal to build 40 new dwellings in the specified region, for the reasons including but not limited to the following:

- Lack of infrastructure: the area currently has one primary school, a few pubs, and a single shop in walking distance. The shop sells things suited to tourists and visitors, that are of little to no use to local residents (for example, local perfume, Gin and artisanal bread for 4) meaning that residents already need to drive to a supermarket or order groceries to be delivered. More people living nearby would result in heavily increased traffic as there are not sufficient amenities to support the existing population, let alone the significant proportion more that the additional housing would bring.

- Public transport: there is very little public transport in the area. In all cases when I have tried to use Google maps to generate a route using public transport to somewhere even a 10-20 minute drive away, it is unable to find one, meaning that all residents need to drive to get almost anywhere. Walking is not an option, as to get to any other nearby towns/villages requires walking along fast, country roads with little or no footpaths, with insufficient lighting to use in the dark. When I was attending a local sixth form, I needed to be driven to a bus stop, as the nearest one required walking along a 60 mile an hour winding road, sometimes in the dark, with minimal footpaths. More local residents would result in further increased traffic, as mentioned before, and make the current walking routes even more unsafe.
- Environmental: the proposed development would have a significant negative impact on the local wildlife, as it would disturb existing habitats, such as a badger set in the proposed area.

- Village character: this is a small, friendly village, and building this number of houses would greatly increase the number of residents and change the current boundaries, irreversibly changing the character of the village which is enjoyed by all who live here
- NHS provision is already inadequate for the current population, there are simply not the resources for any more people in the area

Regards,
Charlotte Rowe