

PLANNING REF : 253074
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 24 Martineau Lane
: Hurst, Berkshire
: RG10 0SF
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Sue Cummings
DATE SUBMITTED : 30/01/2026

COMMENTS:

I am writing to object to this planning application.

Drainage - the plan seems too simplistic and not robust enough to support the quantity of new houses which is likely to have a negative effect particularly on nearby buildings as well as a knock-on effect on Sawpit Lane and Orchard Road.

Road Entrance & Access - anyone who has actually any spent time on School Road, either as a driver or pedestrian (including those having to "run the gauntlet" to cross the road opposite the village hall) during drop off and collection time both for the school (and to a lesser extent for the pre-school), would clearly know how complicated and challenging School Road is already. Any areas without parking due to double yellow lines will need to be used as passing points, thereby blocking visibility and so traffic pulling out of this new side road will still be in a position where they are unable to see far - which will prove incredible dangerous. There will of course be the inevitable issue of danger to the children walking to school having to cross this new road. School Road has a vital village bus route and the frequent farm vehicles must also be taken into consideration within the flow of traffic. Beyond the absolute nightmare of the year-long (+) development project itself, with 23 new properties there will a considerable number of daily delivery vans and cars adding to this congestion.

Car Park - having a car park dedicated to the teachers and staff at the school is in theory a nice idea as on a daily basis there are often between 7 -10 cars parked on the road. However, who will supervise maintenance? how will fly tipping be prevented? and how will others be stopped from using the spaces? - for example anyone with a second car but only one dedicated parking spot, or visitors to these house - will the staff be expected to knock on doors to request the vehicles are moved before 7:30am when the staff start arriving?

Aesthetics - the design of the properties is NOT in keeping with the "established character of Hurst" and I personally feel that Twyford should not be considered "it's surrounding context". With a population of slightly over 1000 within the central part of the village with its separate areas and green spaces, verses a population of approximately 7000, Hurst and Twyford are considerably different and require different management. Though there are few properties within Hurst that do have dark window frames, there are very few with wooden panelling - red brick and dark grey blocks of colour will not be in keeping with this village.

I would ask that the council reject the current planning application and ensure that the developers are encouraged to re consider their application to be more in keeping and sympathetic to the village of Hurst.

