

PLANNING REF : 241567  
PROPERTY ADDRESS : The Village  
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: RG40 4JT  
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Katherine Pattison  
DATE SUBMITTED : 28/12/2024

COMMENTS:

I have carefully reviewed the revised application and must assert that there are no material changes to the plans that would reduce the negative impact on the environment, the character of Finchampstead as a village, or the local residents. As such, all the points raised in my original objection remain valid and fully applicable.

In fact, the revisions appear to worsen the situation in several respects:

The reduction in the number of houses from 40 to 38 is negligible and does not represent a meaningful change in terms of impact.

The amended layout results in a higher density of housing, particularly towards the northern part of the site. This will significantly affect properties at 18, 19, and 20 Cricket Hill, bringing the houses closer to these properties and exacerbating issues of light and noise pollution.

The increased proportion of 2-bedroom houses, with fewer 3-bedroom homes, further undermines the development's alignment with the existing character of the village. Additionally, this housing mix fails to meet the needs of growing families.

The slight reduction in the percentage of affordable housing is insufficient and does not address the already excessive provision given that housing needs in Arborfield and Wokingham have been met.

The forthcoming Wokingham Development Plan, expected to be finalized in early 2025, is likely to accommodate housing needs for the foreseeable future, rendering further development on this site unnecessary.

The revised plans fail to address the lack of public transport and the strain on already overstretched local services and facilities. The revised housing mix is likely to further exacerbate these issues, increasing demand on an already inadequate infrastructure.

I strongly maintain my objection to this application and urge that it be rejected.