

PLANNING REF : 241567
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 32 Almond Drive
: Thatcham, Berkshire
: RG18 4DZ
SUBMITTED BY : Dr Max Schuster
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COMMENTS:

I strongly object to the revised planning. The reasons why are listed below:

1. The number of houses in the new plans are 38 which is only 2 lower than the formerly proposed 40.
2. The new layout means that there will be more 2 bedroom houses which isn't in keeping with the surrounding houses as they are mostly 3 bedrooms or more.
3. The houses will be more densely populated in the new plans which again is less in keeping with the surrounding area.
4. The plans propose 60% of the houses are affordable houses which is more than is required for the local area as the needs are being met by Wokingham Borough Council in other more suitable areas such as Arborfield.
5. There are huge amounts of wildlife living in the area, not to mention that it borders a nature reserve. The building will have a knock on effect to all the wildlife in that field and on all surrounding areas due to the noise, disruption to their habitat and ecosystem. Surely there must be areas that are more suited to building than areas this close to a nature reserve.
6. There is still a lack of public transport for all of the new residents that will be living there as the houses are built. Public transport is essential for people in affordable houses.
7. There will be an increase in traffic on the local roads which are mostly lanes and small roads which already suffer from drivers that aren't used to driving on such small winding roads. This brings walkers, dogs and horses into unnecessary danger.
8. There is a lack of local services already and the increase in housing will mean that this worsens further.
9. There will be an increase in light and noise pollution in an area that borders a nature reserve. So not only will the building work disrupt the wildlife but the ongoing noise and light will discourage wildlife to live there.

Overall the proposed changes have made little to no difference and I strongly object to the proposed planning.