

PLANNING REF : 251774
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 9
: Rowan Drive, Crowthorne, Berkshire
: RG45 6RY
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Neil Bowman
DATE SUBMITTED : 23/09/2025

COMMENTS:

This land is at the rear of 5 and 7 Rowan Drive. It borders the unmade rural section of Old Sawmill Lane. It was scrubbed of trees and vegetation in December 2024. There was an application circa 10 years ago for 1 bungalow on the same plot of land. That application 153409 was refused, as was the subsequent appeal. Comments from circa 20 neighbours, and the Council's position at that time, seemingly prevail today. I cannot see any material change to the constraints. The 2 mature oak trees (TPO) will almost certainly need pruning to accommodate the house on the western side. These trees should dictate what can and can't be built on the plot. We have lost much of our immediate environment to 1000 new houses at Bucklers Park. Our rural space in this part of Crowthorne is becoming increasingly scarce and treasured. The proposal is unnecessarily congested, and the lack of landscaping in no way restores habitat for the wildlife that resides in the unmade section of the lane. We see foxes, toads, and slow worms, in our gardens. There is no question that their habitats are along the lane. I would question how the Borough Design Principles are to be met with this multiple development. It harms the character of the area, in that it erodes the rural aspect at the interface to the unmade lane. It also fails to relate positively to my neighbours' bungalows that this plot backs directly onto, and the environment / outside space of the 2 new houses themselves is also compromised due to over development. The application simply shows no empathy to residents and wildlife. My wife and I strongly object to the application.