

PLANNING REF : 253074
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 7 Whistley Court Farm
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SUBMITTED BY : Mr Neil Stacey
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COMMENTS:

We've lived in Hurst for nearly 29 years and since we have owned dogs frequently walk around the village. When I opened the documents to view the plans for this development the images were, to say the least, an unpleasant surprise. Notwithstanding the closeness of some of the houses to School Road, nowhere in the village is there any similar house design and linking Hurst with Twyford is just wrong. The most recent development, the three new buildings at the top of Sawpit Road, opposite Martineau Lane, what ever else might be thought about that development, have been externally constructed in varied styles. This plan has no variety. WBC should make all efforts to ensure a more creative and sympathetic design.

As with other commentators flooding is a concern. Simply moving the water around moves it to more vulnerable areas. WBC should push the developer to design a flooding scheme that ensures this site deals with its own excess water.

I would also echo points about management of the development. The narrow part of Tape Lane, which while Access Only is frequently used as a rat run, Martineau Lane, School Road and Orchard Road are not safe locations for building site traffic. Deliveries are one thing but trades parked all day along these roads should specifically not be allowed. I appreciate this might created a problem but adequate, planned, on site parking should be possible as long as this does not become a reason to not build the developer's proposed parking area. The developer has chosen this site and should be required by WBC to work within it.