

PLANNING REF : 252138
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 5 Newburgh Crescent
: Shinfield
: RG29YE
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Sarah Kurek
DATE SUBMITTED : 15/10/2025

COMMENTS:

I am writing to formally object to the proposed development [insert brief description or site name if known], on the grounds of environmental conservation, ecological impact, and infrastructure inadequacy.

1. Threat to Protected Wildlife and Habitat

The proposed site lies within or adjacent to a protected woodland area that serves as a vital habitat for a diverse range of wildlife, including deer, foxes, geese, and other native species. This ecosystem supports seasonal flora such as native bluebells, which are particularly sensitive to disruption and are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. The construction and associated human activity pose a significant risk of habitat fragmentation, noise pollution, and long-term ecological degradation.

2. Destruction of Seasonal Bluebell Woodland

The area in question is renowned for its seasonal bluebell displays, which are not only ecologically important but also culturally and aesthetically valued by the local community. Bluebell woods are increasingly rare and require careful stewardship. The proposed development would likely lead to soil compaction, shading, and disruption of the delicate growth cycle, resulting in irreversible damage.

3. Overpopulation and Strained Infrastructure

The local area is already experiencing considerable pressure from overdevelopment. Key infrastructure such as GP surgeries, schools, and road networks are operating beyond capacity. The addition of further residential or commercial units will exacerbate existing issues, leading to longer waiting times for healthcare, overcrowded classrooms, and increased traffic congestion. No substantive mitigation measures have been proposed to address these concerns.

4. Non-Compliance with Sustainable Development Principles

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) emphasizes the importance of conserving and enhancing the natural environment and ensuring that development is sustainable and supported by adequate infrastructure. This proposal fails to meet these criteria and contradicts local biodiversity action plans and green space preservation strategies.

Conclusion

In light of the above, I urge the planning authority to reject this application. The long-term environmental cost, combined with the immediate strain on public services, renders the proposal unsuitable and unsustainable.