

OBJECTION to the proposal for outline planning (260353, and North of Broadwater Lane and West of Hogmoor Lane Hurst)

We live on Hogmoor Lane and have done for several years. There are some point I will cover specific to this area, as well as further details on why this planning application should be refused.

My first point is that this is now the third application within a very short space of time, the last being rejected October 2025. This new proposal now includes an area that the Inspector found to have the biggest impact on the setting and significance of several Grade II listed buildings and Hurst Area of Special Character. The new proposal shows that the number of houses has dropped from 4 to 3, and moved back from Hogmoor Lane. Bear in mind that the proposed site is much higher than the road which would result in a very overbearing and urbanising effect on the area. The length of the gap between the houses on Hogmoor Lane is too great to be considered infilling.

Another point to note is that the Local Plan, although not yet in place but very soon to be live, should be taken into consideration. Hurst has a new development coming on School Road for 23 houses. There is no demonstrable urgent need for this additional development.

A further concern is the potential to fully develop the site in a piecemeal fashion. If this small development is approved, and looking at the road proposed for the development to access the houses on Hogmoor Lane, the rest of the field will be land-locked. This looks to be the first in a number of proposals (I noted this in the previous one, with roads facing into the rest of the field, see below), so this would be a 'part one' of many that would totally occupy the field.



Flooding continues to be a major concern. The attenuation basin showing in the proposal does not yet exist to my knowledge. Who will be responsible for its upkeep and maintenance? The drainage network in this area is already insufficient. The Broad Hinton pumping station was overwhelmed in 2014 and 2021 and the A321 (Broadwater Lane – note the name of the road...) had to be closed for several days (see pics below). Residents were issued with sandbags to prevent internal flooding from water mixed with raw sewage, and the properties adjacent to the proposed site suffered damage as a result of the flooding.

Any loss of drainage via undeveloped land for part or all of the field, will only add to this. It is already problematic. Are there licenses or agreements in place that have been evidenced by the applicant, and what is the drainage proposal?

In conclusion, I strongly object to this application and hope that WBC continues to reject this and future applications to develop this site, ideally preventing wasting everyone's time by allowing multiple and repeated requests to do so – no should mean no, the same reasons for refusal still stand regardless of this constant tweaking and continued harassment to do so.

Pictures for reference

The proposed site weekend 21-Feb-2025, view from Hogmoor Lane



Hogmoor Lane Dec 2019



A321, proposed site on the right, Dec 2019



A321, proposed site on left, Jan 2021



A321, same spot, Feb 2021



A321, proposed site on left, Feb 2021



Hogmoor Lane, Jan 2023



Hogmoor Lane, Apr 2023



Hogmoor Lane, Jan 2024

