

PLANNING REF : 242279
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 17 Eagle Close
: Crowthorne, Berkshire.
: RG45 6TP
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Pauline Helliar-Symons
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COMMENTS:

I wish to object to this proposal on several planning grounds.

Highways: The site sits alongside Old Wokingham Road and Waterloo Road, Wokingham Without. The former is already totally clogged up at rush hour times with queues of cars backing up to Bracknell in one direction and the Pinewood roundabout in the other, and very very busy at all other times; an additional site can only add to the dangers and frustration. The proposal to insert a new roundabout on the corner of Old Wokingham Road and Waterloo Road will just make this problem worse, as cars trying to turn into and out of Waterloo Road will cause even more holdups. There is no footpath - as there should not be since this is a rural area.

Sustainability: there are no public facilities anywhere near - no shops, no surgeries, no secondary schools (the ward already has to send children to distant schools), no 'bus routes: people will have to drive everywhere which militates against the Council's green agenda which wants people to walk or catch buses.

Amenity: Wokingham Without is essentially a rural community. The site is bordered on both sides by countryside, which forms a reasonable gap between Wokingham, Crowthorne and Bracknell, which people appreciate, and which should be maintained. This extra 1,000 houses in addition to the 1,800 already granted permission south of the railway line, will double the number of residencies in this village.

Safeguarding - especially of children: With many more children having to cross the railway line at Star Lane, there is a real danger to their safety and lives. Children being what they are, with no bridge or underpass (and there is not room to put either in) this is likely to result in children hurrying to secondary school (probably St.

Crispin's or another town school) and trying to cross the line even if a train is due, or even to play chicken. What price the risk to young lives?

Conclusion: Although this site was in the original draft Local Plan, there is nothing legally to stop the Council from taking it out, along with the adjacent one at Pearce's farm, to which all of the above also applies.