

PLANNING REF : 260774
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Ragmoor Close
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: RG7 1GL
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs A Tapper
DATE SUBMITTED : 13/05/2026

COMMENTS:

I am writing to formally object to the proposed planning application for the construction of new houses in Riseley.

While I understand the need for appropriate housing development, I do not believe this proposal is suitable for our village. The scale of the development is disproportionate to the size, character and infrastructure of the existing community, and it would place unacceptable pressure on local roads, services and the surrounding natural environment.

Riseley has very limited amenities. Other than the village pub, there are no shops, mainstream schools, medical facilities or other essential services to support a significant increase in population. Residents already need to travel elsewhere for everyday needs, and the proposed development would inevitably increase car dependency. This is not a sustainable location for more houses.

Traffic is already a serious problem in the village, particularly during the morning rush hour, when the roads become gridlocked. Adding new homes would bring a substantial number of additional vehicles onto roads that are already struggling to cope. This would worsen congestion, increase delays, create further safety risks for pedestrians and cyclists, and negatively affect the day-to-day lives of existing residents.

I am also extremely concerned about the impact on local wildlife. The village and surrounding countryside are an important habitat for deer, field mice, birds and other wildlife. Development on this scale would risk destroying or disturbing habitats, reducing biodiversity and permanently changing the rural environment that makes the village special. Once these habitats are lost, they cannot easily be restored.

The proposed development would also alter the character of the village. A new estate would be a significant expansion and would not be in keeping with the existing rural setting. It risks overwhelming the village, rather than integrating with it.

For these reasons, I strongly urge the planning authority to refuse this application.