

PLANNING REF : 252444
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 8 Heathlands Court
: Heathlands Road, Wokingham, Berkshire
: RG40 3AY
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Peter Fagan
DATE SUBMITTED : 14/06/2026

COMMENTS:

I object to the proposed development.

This roughly doubles the number of houses along Hatch Ride, which is a single track access road, and which will not be able to sustain the increased levels of traffic. Hatch Ride itself is enjoyed by a number of local residents for walking, cycling and access into Gorrick Woods. Giving it over to primarily vehicular traffic would constitute a significant loss of a local amenity.

The housing density as planned is excessive. A recent application for a similar development at the other end of the lane was rejected and then rejected again on appeal. From memory, the application to develop three houses on the site of the former Kimberdale cattery was reduced to two. Allowing this development to proceed would be inconsistent with previous outcomes.

The riding establishment is a going concern, and their activities are an inherent part of the nature of the area. Closing it down to progress this development would be a clear loss of amenity, and would irrevocably change the character of this part of Wokingham.

I realise each application must be taken on its own merits, but if this were to be repeated across the remainder of the attached land, the impact would be significant and negative. This development is not part of the local plan, and its implementation would set an unfortunate precedent. Nine Mile Ride is already under significant pressure from the current developments.