

PLANNING REF : 241933
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 10 Hollyhook Close
: Crowthorne, Berkshire
: RG45 6TX
SUBMITTED BY : Cllr Sèona Turtle
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COMMENTS:

I object to Planning Applications 241933 & 242279

This is overdevelopment on greenfield land which if approved will have huge negative impact on wildlife, biodiversity and the local environment.

It will erode most of what is left of the greenbelt separating Wokingham Without from Wokingham and Bracknell, effectively turning a rural community into an urban sprawl.

The proposals for additional roundabouts, road closure and diversions will greatly exacerbate rather than alleviate the already congested roads. Further, Old Wokingham Road is essentially an unclassified country lane, without pavements or room for expansion. It is already being used as a rat-run to the A329M & M4 during rush hour generating a continuous stream of traffic, often at a standstill, the entire distance from Jennets Park to Nine Mile Ride at Pinewood Roundabout. The road is situated in Bracknell not Wokingham so we have no control and very little influence over it.

The development will put additional pressure on the already overstretched services such as doctor surgeries, hospitals, healthcare, sewage and electricity supplies.

Star Lane railway crossing issues have still not been resolved, which is particularly going to cause issues for secondary school children who will need to cross the railway line in order to get to their local secondary school.

Closure of Star Lane crossing to vehicles makes no sense whatsoever; Easthampstead Road is a major route for people travelling from the South of Wokingham to access Wokingham Town Centre, it is very straightforward allowing the free flow of the traffic to the A329 (Peach Street). To re-route all this traffic, including HGV's and other large goods vehicles through a devious route through housing estates beggars belief.

It will effectively cut off existing Wokingham Without Residents from Wokingham Town Centre who will find it far easier and convenient to shop in Bracknell. Furthermore, parents ferrying their children from the North of the railway line to Ludgrove and Holme Grange schools will have to take a convoluted route adding time to their journey, increasing the pollution, noise and congestion's on the roads. Similarly residents living south of the railway line will have similar difficulties taking their children to schools or any other facility north of the railway.

This is not a viable development plan and the proposed new road layout would have an enormous adverse effect on traffic flow and hence add significantly to the level of congestion and traffic pollution across the whole area. It is a ludicrous proposal to close an existing direct north/south route for traffic and divert it through a sprawling housing estate, with all the negative effects it

would have on the traffic flow and on the community.

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