

PLANNING REF : 241567
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 17 Cricket Hill Finchampstead
: Finchampstead Wokingham, Berkshire
: RG403TN
SUBMITTED BY : Mr A Minns
DATE SUBMITTED : 19/07/2024

COMMENTS:

I am writing to object to the planning application for no.40 houses to the East of Longwater Road Finchampstead for the following reasons: 1) In 2017 when plans were last submitted they were withdrawn, at this time the village had a shop, post office and petrol forecourt now these amenities no longer exist, therefore there are no facilities for residents of these new dwellings to access so the development is not sustainable.

2) Lack of infrastructure i.e sewage works already overwhelmed, excess raw sewage being pumped into the River Blackwater plus tankers can be seen taking excess sewage away on a regular basis. Therefore how is it going to cope with 40 more houses?

3) Local school will be oversubscribed as will the doctors surgery (NHS) and dentists which are already under tremendous pressure.

4) Village roads are already being used as a shortcut to nearby towns and villages and an increase in traffic due to the development of 40 houses would be untenable and dangerous and not to mention the increase in noise and pollution for existing residents of the village.

5) Access to the proposed development to the east of Longwater Road would be adjacent to the entry/exit of Woodmoor and opposite the allotments and at a point where the speed limit transitions from 60mph to 30mph. This is an already dangerous stretch of road and there has already been several near misses.

6) It would be essential for residents of the proposed development to have their own transport as there is a distinct lack of public transport. For example one bus per week on Tuesday!!!! Bearing in mind that part of the proposed development is for social housing, if they can't afford their own transport, how are they going to access

amenities? The nearest amenities are either Nine Mile Ride or Waitrose at Yateley both approximately 2 miles away, neither have adequate footpaths and would be extremely unsafe to try and access on foot.

7) Ecology- The field for the proposed development is a haven for wildlife, even though the snapshot surveys undertaken may suggest otherwise. As far as protected species are concerned, there is a breeding pair of Barn owls that regularly hunt in the field and have done so for many years. There are also bats and newts which have been seen regularly. There are also Roe Deer, Foxes, hedgehogs, shelducks nesting in the bank, a pair of hobbies, cuckoo, kites, sparrow hawks, kestrels, rough legged buzzard and common buzzards as well as a myriad of other species.

8) The proposed site is adjacent to the newly landscaped Cemex site which is soon to be a designated nature conservation area and any development would be detrimental to the wildlife therein.

In summation this is not a sustainable or suitable site for the aforementioned reasons and the fact that it is outside the

boundaries of the local development plan I feel that any application should be rejected.