

PLANNING REF : 241933
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 3 Oak Apples Drive
: Crowthorne, Berkshire
: RG45 6JZ
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Scott Miller
DATE SUBMITTED : 15/01/2025

COMMENTS:

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Objection to Planning Application for 850 Homes - Application
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I am writing to formally object to the proposed planning application for the development of 850 homes on the site currently designated as greenbelt land. I believe that this proposal is highly detrimental to the local environment, the community, and the long-term sustainability of the area.

1. Erosion of Greenbelt Land: This development threatens to erode a significant portion of our greenbelt, which serves as an essential buffer between urban areas and the natural countryside. Greenbelt land is intended to protect the rural character of the region, prevent urban sprawl, and provide vital spaces for wildlife. The destruction of this land will have irreversible consequences, both aesthetically and environmentally.

2. Urban Sprawl: This application is a prime example of uncontrolled urban sprawl, which will irrevocably alter the character of our community. By allowing such a large-scale development in this area, the natural boundaries between urban and rural areas will be blurred, leading to a loss of community identity and cohesion. The expansion of housing into the countryside sets a dangerous precedent for further encroachments on valuable natural landscapes.

3. Impact on Biodiversity: The proposed site is home to a wide variety of species, some of which may be rare or protected. Building on this land would significantly disrupt local ecosystems, resulting in the loss of habitat for wildlife. The development would fragment wildlife corridors, making it difficult for species to thrive and migrate.

This is particularly concerning in the face of biodiversity loss, as it will contribute to the decline of local flora and fauna.

4. Lack of Infrastructure: The existing infrastructure in the area is already under significant strain, and the addition of 850 homes would exacerbate these pressures. There are insufficient transport links, healthcare services, schools, and other essential amenities to support such a large population increase. This development would likely result in overcrowded roads, public transport systems, and schools, as well as placing further strain on local healthcare services.

For these reasons, I strongly urge you to reject this application. The long-term consequences of building on this site would be detrimental to both the environment and the local community. We must prioritise sustainable development that respects and preserves our green spaces and infrastructure, rather than allowing unchecked urban sprawl.

Thank you for considering my objections. I trust that you will take these concerns seriously when making your decision.

Yours sincerely,

Scott Miller