

PLANNING REF : 250517
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Lansdowne Gardens
: 18 Spencers Wood, Reading
: RG7 1PF
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Rachel Atkins
DATE SUBMITTED : 17/03/2026

COMMENTS:

1. Unsuitable Access via Existing Roads

The proposed access arrangements rely heavily on existing local roads, which are not designed to accommodate a significant increase in traffic. These roads are already constrained in terms of width, capacity, and layout, and additional vehicle movements would lead to congestion, increased risk of accidents, and a deterioration in road safety for current residents.

2. Safety Risks - Century Drive Access Near Spencer's Wood Play Park

The suggestion of access via Century Drive, particularly in close proximity to the play park in Spencer's Wood, raises serious safety concerns. This area is frequently used by children and families, and increased traffic flow would significantly heighten the risk of accidents.

3. Lack of Supporting Infrastructure in Spencer's Wood

Spencer's Wood currently lacks the infrastructure required to support further housing development of this scale. Local services, including schools, healthcare provision, drainage, and public transport, are already under pressure. The addition of a substantial number of new homes would exacerbate these issues and negatively impact the quality of life for existing residents.

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