

PLANNING REF : 252138
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 30 Parker Close
: Shinfield, Berkshire
: RG2 9RG
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Alasdair Booth
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COMMENTS:

The planning for 183 dwellings on this piece of land seems not well thought through for the benefit of the community, only for those who seek to benefit from the sale and development of the land.

This land is a beautiful area of countryside in an increasingly urban development and serves as a vital aspect in the wellbeing of those who live nearby. It is frequented by many for the purposes of exercise and to spend time in nature, not to mention used by a variety of wildlife including Deer, Rabbits, Shrew, Hedgehog, Frogs, Mice, Squirrel, Foxes, Bats, Kites, Geese (and these are only the animals I have personally seen in this land). How will these uses be supported by the development?

The local housing developments have already caused a considerable increase in the amount of traffic on the local roads which are incapable of supporting the demand - traffic jams are a daily occurrence in peak hours. How will the overloaded roads be able to support more?

The plans mention how many local amenities are in a reasonable walking/cycling distance so impact on traffic can be mitigated, but has any research been conducted as to whether these means of transport will actually be used, or if (as we can all confidently predict) more cars on the road will be the result?

These fields are also regularly underwater during periods of heavy rain, I'm sure the housing plan has adequate drainage but this just means moving the issue elsewhere, where will the runoff go?

The sewage and water supply for the housing that already exists is at its limits, with frequent issues being reported by those that live in the area. Will the new housing development add to this issue?

The Drs/Dentist/Schools/Nurseries in the area are already oversubscribed, I see no mention in the plans as to how the inhabitants of the new houses will have their needs supported?

The housing types proposed also raises an interesting socio-economic debate. We are led to believe that we 'need more houses', but if we look at the issues facing the majority of the nation its actually that more affordable houses are needed. This area is known to be expensive already and so for those looking to buy a first house or for average earners, most of the properties proposed would be unobtainable. I am sure they would be bought up very quickly, but do we want to be supporting the property developers by allowing for a majority of more profitable larger houses - or should we instead be supporting the actual needs of the community?

I am aware that there are always objections to local housing plans ("not in my back yard") and my aim is not necessarily to stop

development, I would like the community benefit to be the focus if plans must go ahead. Hopefully the points I have raised will be considered and those responsible will have adequate justifications before this can proceed.