

PLANNING REF : 241567
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Moor Green House
: MGH Lower Sandhurst Road, Finchampstead, Wokingham, Berkshire
: RG40 3TH
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Stephen Hazell
DATE SUBMITTED : 21/07/2024

COMMENTS:

We write to object to the application for approx 40 houses on agricultural land adjacent to Longwater Road on the basis of the following considerations.

1. The site is unsustainable and would require all house owners to travel by car to access shops and schools, overcrowding already exists in local schools and this development would add to existing problems faced by local residents.
2. The site has little access to public transport with trains not within walking distance and disperate bus services that would not cater for young families.
3. The proposed site abuts a narrow road with poor pavements in the direction of Eversley placing homeowners children in particular danger. The road is busy and represents a cut through adding already to high traffic flows that cause noise nuisance to the residents.
4. The site appears to sit outside of all WBC policy statements and abuts a newly established nature reserve whilst also acting as a buffer zone between Finchampstead village and Eversley village.
5. The density of housing being proposed is of a higher level than elsewhere in the village and this would sit uncomfortably within the landscape it surrounds.
6. Finchampstead has already suffered from much development and without any improvement to roads or infrastructure, services are rumbling and unable to meet the existing demands, developing of this scale in a small village would seem to be incongruous and excessive.
7. The Nature reserve being created next to the site is for protected birds and wildlife and such a development would add light and noise pollution to an area that is designed to create a wildlife corridor within the local area.
8. WBC already support significant areas of new housing within the borough and it is therefore felt this development of high density should be rejected again on the basis it does not fit within the plan and is unsuitable.