

PLANNING REF : 252769
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Sindlesham
: Wokingham, Berkshire
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SUBMITTED BY : J M
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COMMENTS:

1. This application is related to application 252498 so needs to be looked at in the context that it is part of a larger plan to build almost 4000 houses. Large scale development is not the best solution if it means large scale loss of green fields, local heritage, diverse wildlife habitat and destruction of biodiversity.
2. Houses built in this area will not be affordable for the first time buyer or indeed many existing home owners who wish to move. The only real beneficiary are the developers and land owners. Houses should be built where land is cheaper (i.e. Not in the South East of England) to help keep costs down and make houses truly affordable. With the adoption, by many companies, of remote working over the past few years, it is no longer a valid argument to say houses need to be built where the jobs are.
3. SANGS do not provide the variety or interest of the natural landscape. They will, in this case,, as on the Hatch Farm estate, be built on flood plains which means they are inaccessible for over half the year due to flooding. They are small, the fixed route is repetitive and uninteresting and they are absolutely no substitute for the natural green spaces which already exist.
4. This development will lead to destruction of ancient hedgerows, cutting down of veteran trees and widespread loss of wildlife habitat leading to further loss of valued local biodiversity.
5. The Climate Emergency will inevitably make flooding worse than it currently is. Construction will make the flooding worse (from water run off when previously absorbent green fields get built on).
6. More people, more cars and more pressure on dental and medical services will result if this proposal goes ahead. Existing medical and dental practices already struggle to recruit doctors and dentists. The new development may provide for medical services but how will this be staffed if we do not have enough doctors to operate our existing medical centres?