

PLANNING REF : 250517
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 11 Askew Drive
: Spencers Wood, Berkshire
: RG7 1HG
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Celeste Garib
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COMMENTS:

In the vain hope that anyone takes any notice of the objections of local residents, here is the key reason why I object to this development: Traffic

All traffic from this development will have to use Basingstoke Road which is already a bottleneck, especially in the mornings.

Despite the view that 'most people work from home since Covid' and despite leaving my house at 7.30am, it can take me over 20 minutes to travel one mile to 3 Mile Cross, on the 3 days that I am obliged to go into work in Bracknell. I am now having to leave my house at 7.15am to have any hope of getting out of the village within 10 minutes.

This is not mere inconvenience - over the 19 years that I've lived here, growing traffic has had a huge impact my family's quality of life.

It's affected my career because I've been limited to locations that I can feasibly get to after dropping off children to nursery/school and picking them up on time (usually in a state of anxiety because traffic has made me late and I can't leave work any earlier without taking a pay-cut).

It's affected where my children can go to school, for the above reasons.

It's affected our access to medical services because Swallowfield surgery is overwhelmed with patients (although the team there do a fantastic job).

Finally, it's just awful! Why on earth should we be subjected to more noise, more pollution, more delays as a result of more cars on the road? I moved here because I wanted to live in a village, not a suburban sprawl.

This, in conjunction with the other ill-considered and irresponsible development at Hall Farm, is beyond comprehension.

Thank you to whomever has taken the time to read my comments - I hope you can see the anger, but also the sadness that the over-development in this area has caused. We know that we need housing in the UK, but we've taken our share of the burden, and our lives have been impacted enough.