

PLANNING REF : 260353
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Woodsome
: Tape Lane, Hurst, Berkshire
: RG100DN
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Duncan Howe
DATE SUBMITTED : 26/02/2026

COMMENTS:

I wish to object to this application on a number of grounds, firstly due to the nature of this application. Given that Shorewood Homes have already submitted an application on this site and had it refused; it seems inappropriate to be submitting a PiP application.

Looking at the Housing Supply plan for the borough, this application does not contribute in any meaningful way to affordable housing supply, nor does it benefit local residents. Instead it harms the significance of existing Grade II listed buildings in the surrounding area and Hurst's area of special character, as well as blurring the lines between the Hurst and Whistley Green boundaries.

This location is outside of Hurst's defined settlement boundary and is consequently being proposed in designated countryside. Hogmoor Lane reflects this, with countless members of public using it for cycling, horse riding and accessing local footpaths. One of the attractions is the agricultural nature of local land. It also provides an effective break between Hurst and Whistley Green.

I am extremely keen to avoid the urbanisation of Hurst as the village character was what drew my family and I to the village when we moved here, nearly 8 years ago. Local agricultural land like this is essential for maintaining the character of the village.

Lastly I would like to address my concerns around the flooding impact that would be felt on Broadwater Lane if this development appears to have been reduced in size to below 1ha to be considered for a PiP. My concern with this is that no provision for flooding and drainage issues as part of the development. This will have a real impact on the properties and their owners through increased flooding should these properties be constructed.

As has been mentioned in other recent housing applications in Hurst - local transport links, footpaths and services are insufficient to support the village in its current state. Removing designated countryside to create new housing will not only negatively impact the local environment, but it will also create more traffic and more strain on local resources.

I ask that you reject this application for the benefit of the village.

Regards,
Duncan Howe