

PLANNING REF : 252498  
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 6 Hollydale Close  
: Reading  
: RG2 8LL  
SUBMITTED BY : Ms Audrey Thompson  
DATE SUBMITTED : 15/01/2026

COMMENTS:

Dear Sir

Thank you for bringing to my attention the planning application for Loddon Valley Garden Village at Hall Farm.

I object to the proposed development on the following grounds:-

1. Loss of Countryside for People. The Covid pandemic should have taught us the importance to the well-being of urban dwellers to have easily accessible areas of countryside near where they live. Hall Farm is our nearest area of countryside and we regularly cycle and walk in that area. The area around Reading is being covered in new housing. You probably think Reading is a dump anyway, so it won't make much difference to build a few thousand more houses. I say, all the more reason why we need to keep what fast-diminishing countryside we have left. Please build these Wokingham houses next to Wokingham, not Reading.
2. Loss of Countryside for Wildlife. England is one of the most wildlife-depleted areas of the world. We human beings have already taken far more than our fair share of the land for ourselves, we need to leave some space for nature.
3. Increased Traffic. The traffic in Reading is already intolerable and it is inevitable that this development will only make it worse.
4. Flooding. The area set aside for nature will flood, making it inhabitable for wildlife and impassible for people.

If the development goes ahead then I would urge the following:-

- a) The houses should be owned by the council, not a private developer.
- b) Add a footpath and cycleway across the field to Mole Road opposite Ellis Hill (byway) to give access to the Combes (in addition to that via Gravelpithill Lane).
- c) A public house owned, not by a national pub chain, but a community owned co-operative and run by a manager for the benefit of the community.
- d) Ensure this is a "gas-free" development with all heating by heat pumps.
- e) No ground rent, payments for SANG maintenance, or other additional charges.

Yours Faithfully,

Audrey Thompson