

PLANNING REF : 242067
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 2 Laburnum Cottages
: Lodge Road, Hurst, Berks
: RG100ER
SUBMITTED BY : Ms Liz Chaderton
DATE SUBMITTED : 14/09/2024

COMMENTS:

Coming so close on the heels of the rejected previous application for 250 houses, the developer appears to be playing the game of 'let's apply for lots and if we then apply for less everyone will be so relieved, they will give in'. To them it is a game, but to the people who live in the village and will be impacted, it is not.

I object strongly to the plans. The documents keep saying that the new plans address the reasons why the last plan was rejected, but they do not.

Hurst has a rural character. This is a suburban development on a greenfield site. It is inappropriate in density and will change the nature of the village.

I believe the site was deemed to be unsuitable for development by Wokingham Council, as it is in conflict with all sorts of planning policies. I am no planning expert, but I don't see that anything has changed here. It was unsuitable and it is still unsuitable.

As far as I can see, all the developers ideas for changing the site into a sustainable one (Hurst has been determined NOT to be a sustainable location in numerous applications including their last foray) depend on third party permissions and funding. None of which is guaranteed. For example the idea of a limited time 16 seater minibus solving the transport needs of 99 new houses by going down Tape Lane is laughable (have they seen Tale Lane?). Or that putting a new gate in the field by the village shop will magically stop the traffic movements from 99 houses because everyone will suddenly walk to do their shopping there, is ludicrous.

I would ask you to reject this application emphatically

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