

PLANNING REF : 242067
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Hurst Grange
: Pound Lane, Pound Lane, Hurst
: RG10 0RS
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COMMENTS:

The issue of sustainability of the village of Hurst has been considered many times in the last couple of years. This is a rural location and ill-suited to building a housing estate. Such a large development is out of keeping with the structure of a village and more suitable in already sustainable locations in brown field sites.

We have an irregular bus service, no doctors or dentists, one small primary school and no access to amenities which can be reached without a car. 99 more houses will put more than 200 extra cars onto roads which are already dangerous with pot holes and very few pavements. How children are supposed to get to school without pavements is beyond me. Repeated flooding in Hurst already speaks to the fragile state of our sewers and drainage.

I am fortunate to own a property with fields on the outskirts of the village and will be submitting an application for another 50-100 houses on my fields if this application is approved. I dare say many other residents with decent plots will do the same and then the village can simply be merged with Twyford or Wokingham once every green field has been built on.

By the way, there are houses in Hurst up for sale and they take a long time to sell. New developments in Wokingham still have empty houses so I am at a loss to know why more houses in this area are needed.

In summary this is an area which has been deemed unsuitable for development several times before and nothing has changed since the last refusal was made. If people want to live in villages, village character must be preserved. Significant building on green fields in villages simply turns them into towns and we have plenty of town building sites already. Please don't destroy our villages.