

PLANNING REF : 241567
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 32 Almond Drive
: Thatcham
: RG18 4DZ
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Max Schuster
DATE SUBMITTED : 26/07/2024

COMMENTS:

Our family's home is adjacent to proposed site and so I know the site very well. This green belt piece of land is not suitable for any kind of development. It acts as a safe space for the large amounts of wildlife that cross over from the neighbouring nature reserve. The field is often filled with such a variety of wildlife. Losing this space would significantly impact that local wildlife, as well as further displacing much of it from the nature reserve. The increased number of people around this area has significantly increased since the developments in Arborfield and Swallowfield which can only be having a negative effect on the wildlife reserve.

The site is also not fit for purpose, there would need to be significant infrastructure development to service this increased number of residents. There's no space in the local doctors' surgery or dentists already and there is no village shop, public transport, cycle paths or train station within 3 miles. This would mean that people will be relying on individual cars to access the site.

I have also been informed that this site is outside the settlement boundary according to the Wokingham borough council local plan as well as not complying with policies cp1, cp3, cp4, cp6 or cp9 or the Finchampstead Neighbourhood Development plan. The high housing density and modern 2 storey houses will also look out of place and do real harm to the area.