

PLANNING REF : 242067
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Crackington
: Tape Lane, Hurst, Berkshire
: RG10 0DP
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Ruth Welch
DATE SUBMITTED : 18/09/2024

COMMENTS:

This development is on a Greenfield site and falls outside the development limit of the Parish and Hurst Village. This development will have a significant impact both ecologically and on the wildlife - water voles, toads, newts, snakes, deer, foxes, hedgehogs will all be in jeopardy if this proposal was to go ahead. This field floods every winter and has a high number of wetland birds visiting during this time. Building on this land will lead to unwanted flooding in other areas. There is absolutely no need for this type of development. Hurst is already a vibrant and thriving community.

With the current climate crisis, areas like these need to be retained to continue to play a key role in helping reduce CO2. We need to keep the hedgerows where many, many birds still inhabit and protect the trees!!! These dwellings would be built in designated countryside and, therefore, contrary to WBC's core strategy policy CP11.

Potentially more affordable housing!! For who?? Certainly not first time buyers!! There is NO such thing as affordable properties in this area, particularly for young people who want to remain residing locally in their own homes.

Lodge Road is already a very busy road and Tape Lane is very narrow and mostly single track. It is used by cars, cyclists, walkers, horse-riders and there is no protection. There is no cycle path promoting safe routes to schools and when out walking you often have to take your life into your own hands due to speeding cars and vans!!

With the 99 extra homes, there could be well over 225 more cars plus all the additional tradesmen and delivery vehicles using Lodge Road and Tape Lane. This will obviously have a detrimental impact on many other roads and lanes within the village.

This development will not retain nor enhance the current Greenfield site. It will be an overdevelopment of this countryside location. It will have a HUGE negative visual impact, particularly for Tape Lane residents and there will be a significant increase in light and noise pollution.

All the proposals are just that!! PROPOSALS!! Nothing has been confirmed nor set in place!! Possibly a minibus run, possibly the 128 bus running through the development, possibly more cycle lanes, possibly a cycle hub, maybe a car share club, perhaps a new footpath. These proposals all involve third parties and have not been confirmed nor committed to. If the developers had an ounce of integrity and a true understanding of Hurst they would know that this is NOT the place for their proposed development. In fact, I do

believe they are completely aware and frankly don't care; it's all just a moneymaking scheme to them, lining their own pockets!!!

Hurst is an unsustainable location. It simply doesn't have the infrastructure to support an additional 400 to 500 more residents. There is no doctors' surgery, nor dentist, there's only a very small state primary school with mixed year groups and an extremely modest local shop.

I OBJECT to this development!!!

Hurst is a beautiful rural village and should remain so.