

PLANNING REF : 252081
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Loddon Court
: Loddon Court Loddon Drive, Berkshire, Wargrave
: RG10 8HD
SUBMITTED BY : Jonathan Chew
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COMMENTS:

I support these replacement gates as the old ones, which were erected over 15 years ago on private land and across a road owned by the local farmer, are now rusty.

My understanding is that these gates could be used as one option to prevent a rat run from developing along Loddon Drive as people try to bypass the jams around the Piggot school along the A4 and A321 that already occur twice a day during term time. My own experience is that people are already using the drive as a cut through - one parent caused the drive to be closed in February 2024 whilst the fire brigade rescued him from the floods under the railway bridge! The prospect of over 430 new houses in the area all trying to get their children to and from the Piggot school makes such a rat run inevitable without some form of occasional, manned, physical barrier, to send a clear message that people are not welcome to use the drive as a short cut. Signage doesn't seem to work as a deterrent. There are blind bends and young children living on this drive.

This prospect will be made worse by the planned pedestrian crossings across the A4 to enable children to walk to the Piggot school from Twyford. This will give a big incentive to commuters from Henley and elsewhere to avoid that portion of the A321 and A4.