

PLANNING REF : 252385
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 18 Hinton Drive
: Crowthorne, Berkshire
: RG45 6JY
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Adam Snow
DATE SUBMITTED : 13/10/2025

COMMENTS:

I wish to object to the proposed development at 2 Bigshotte Court. The plans show that the proposed building would fall within the root protection zone of a mature, protected oak tree (subject to a Tree Preservation Order) located at 18 Hinton Drive. Excavation and construction in such close proximity would almost certainly damage the roots and compromise the long-term health and stability of this historic tree.

The submitted plans do not appear to show the full canopy spread or root protection area of the oak tree, which is considerable given its age believed to be several hundred years old. I would also ask whether a detailed tree survey and arboricultural impact assessment have been undertaken. If they have, it is difficult to see how this proposal could be considered acceptable in light of the likely damage to the tree.

Furthermore, the proposal would add to the cumulative impact of recent nearby developments, including those at Oak Apples and Bigshotte Court, which have already significantly affected the character, outlook, and privacy of properties and gardens along Hinton Drive.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the application be refused or, at the very least, deferred pending a full arboricultural assessment and proper consideration of the tree's protection and the cumulative effects on the local environment.