

Planning Application 241900 – Land South of Old Bath Road, Sonning

From: Mr Patrick Hamblin on behalf of Sonning & Sonning Eye Society

18 West Court, West Drive, Sonning, Reading, Berks RG4 6GL.

Objection.

The Sonning & Sonning Eye Society is a civic society established for the public benefit in the area comprising Sonning and Sonning Eye. Its objectives include the following:

- To promote high standards of planning and architecture and
- To secure the preservation, protection, development, and improvements of historic, natural or public interest.

The Society objects to the application for the following reasons:

a) A Housing Needs Assessment recently prepared for the draft Sonning Neighbourhood Plan indicated there is a latent need for housing for elderly persons in Sonning.

b) The additional parking being provided is an increase of 25% over the previous application. This means even more traffic joining and leaving the A4 road, which is already very congested at peak times.

c) When the previous application (220663) was being considered and subsequently approved, various relaxations were given in connection with the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL). Because the 57 dwellings will no longer be available only to the 'over 60 years old persons', it is considered the CIL should be paid in full by the developer.