

PLANNING REF : 252293  
PROPERTY ADDRESS : FBC Centre  
: Gorse Ride, Finchampstead, Wokingham  
: RG40 4ES  
SUBMITTED BY : Finchampstead Parish Council  
DATE SUBMITTED : 24/10/2025

COMMENTS:

The Committee RESOLVED to OBJECT to this application for a Certificate of Lawful Existing Use. The Committee noted that the previous application (251080) was refused in August 2025, as the evidence did not demonstrate that the building had been used as Office Use Class E (g) continuously for the required ten-year period.

The Committee finds no evidence to suggest anything has changed and considers the proposed use inappropriate given the site's location adjacent to a nature reserve.

Their previous comments below still stand:

There is no evidence to support the claim that the building has been used as an office for the required period. This directly contradicts statements in the planning statement and is supported by residents who regularly pass the property and have observed no consistent signs of office use during that time. The Committee also highlighted that the site was previously subject to an investigation by WBC Enforcement officers.

The resolution was correctly proposed and seconded (unanimous).