

PLANNING REF : 243099
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 1 Walden Avenue
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: RG2 9HR
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Paul Rhodes
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COMMENTS:

This application is yet another attempt to build new houses in the already over developed village of Arborfield. We do not believe the infrastructure of the village can cope with yet more houses.

There will be additional traffic along this stretch of the Reading Road because of building more houses. This after the Borough Council has installed traffic calming measures to discourage traffic through this section of the village. Inevitably most houses will have two cars so there will be at least up to around two hundred extra vehicles using this stretch of road.

The existing water drainage systems in the local area cannot cope with the rainfall as it is, Walden Avenue regularly floods when there is heavy rain. Additional housing will only exacerbate the problems.

Services like doctors and schools are already under pressure with the volume of housing already being built in Arborfield despite some additional provision being provided.

The application states that the development will provide open spaces and children's play space for the whole community to enjoy. We do not know how they will access these facilities when the development is physically removed from most of the main village and children would have to walk down and cross the busy Reading Road to get to them,
unless you are proposing that people should drive here and add to the traffic issue!