

PLANNING REF : 242051
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 4 Sutton Cottages
: Easthampstead Road, Wokingham, Berkshire
: RG40 3BW
SUBMITTED BY : Captain Thomas & Dr Deborah Shaves Royal Navy
DATE SUBMITTED : 03/11/2024

COMMENTS:

Dear Sir/Madam,

As residents of Byway BW WOKI 30 (Holme Green Lane) which bisects the proposed site for urban expansion of the South Wokingham Strategic Development Location (SWSDL), we will be directly impacted by the planning application (242051) within the South Wokingham SDL Extension.

We are committed to ensure that the planning principles as laid out in the WBC Local Plan, Planning Policies and Supplementary Documents are followed. This requires the nature, history, and character of the existing landscape, including the disposition of all existing dwellings is retained; the amenity to current residents is preserved; and any impact to us as inhabitants is minimised.

We recognise the design proposes no vehicular access onto the Byway from the new proposed crossing and we fully support access by pedestrians, horses and bicycles. However, we strongly object to any adjustment to Byway BW WOKI 30 that will enable vehicular access from the proposed new crossing onto the existing byway. Therefore, it is imperative that the proposed design is adhered to in full and not amended for greater vehicular access. This must be an explicit planning condition.

Specifically, not only will any increase to vehicular use impact of the nature, history, and character of the existing landscape (contrary to planning policy), but the road surface is unsuitable for additional traffic use, would encourage a 'rat-run' for traffic, and the access onto Easthampstead Road (with poor sightlines) is already an accident hot spot. WBC should be seeking to reduce crossing traffic from around this area.

Yours sincerely,

Thomas & Debbie Shaves

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