

PLANNING REF : 261405
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Glendene
: Basingstoke Road, Spencers Wood, Berks
: RG7 1AE
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Chris Baker
DATE SUBMITTED : 14/07/2026

COMMENTS:

Supplementary Representation

Since submitting my original representation, I received a detailed response from the Chair of Shinfield Parish Council on the 13th July, for which I am grateful. I wish to acknowledge the openness of that response and the willingness of the Parish Council to answer the questions I raised.

The response confirms that the proposed location of the shelter was changed following pre-application discussions with Wokingham Borough Council and, importantly, acknowledges that with the benefit of hindsight the consultation should have been repeated or extended once the location changed. I respectfully ask the Local Planning Authority to take that acknowledged limitation into account when considering the weight to be given to the consultation undertaken, particularly as residents immediately adjoining the revised location were not consulted.

The Parish Council's response has also clarified that the Youth Club continues to operate successfully from the School Green Centre, where attendance has increased significantly following its relocation from the recreation ground. The Council explains that one of the reasons for the move was that the recreation ground had become a less suitable environment for delivering structured youth activities.

Whilst I welcome the success of the Youth Club in its new location, I remain unconvinced that the planning application demonstrates why introducing an unsupervised community shelter within the recreation ground is the most appropriate solution. The School Green Centre provides a managed environment with regular Council oversight, whereas the proposed shelter would provide an unmanaged gathering place immediately adjacent to neighbouring residential properties.

I also note that the Parish Council has confirmed that the recreation ground has experienced a number of management and anti-social behaviour issues over recent years, including vandalism, motorcycles and e-bikes being ridden across the recreation ground, unauthorised access to the preschool, harassment requiring CCTV evidence to be supplied to Thames Valley Police, and other incidents requiring management intervention. Whilst I accept that these incidents do not necessarily mean the proposed shelter will create further problems, I remain unconvinced that sufficient evidence has been presented to demonstrate that the proposal will improve the existing situation rather than simply relocate existing congregation away from the pavilion entrance to another part of the recreation ground adjacent to residential properties.

Finally, I note that the Parish Council has confirmed that Thames Valley Police were not formally consulted as part of the planning application. I sought clarification directly from Thames Valley Police regarding community safety matters relevant to this proposal; however, at the time of submitting this supplementary representation I have not received a response.

I respectfully ask the Local Planning Authority to consider this supplementary representation alongside my original comments when determining the application.

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