

PLANNING REF : 241567
PROPERTY ADDRESS : May Cottage
: 3A Cricket Hill, Wokingham, Berks
: RG40 3TN
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Robert Harris
DATE SUBMITTED : 15/07/2024

COMMENTS:

I am writing to formally object to the planning permission application referenced above on the following grounds:

1. Urbanising Effect and Impact on Local Wildlife: The proposed development's density will have a significantly urbanising effect on the area, to the detriment of the local wildlife and the adjacent nature reserve. This nature reserve is set to be adopted by the RSPB, which highlights its environmental importance. The increase in human activity and the construction process will likely disturb the habitats of various species, potentially leading to a decline in local biodiversity. Protecting such areas is crucial for maintaining ecological balance and ensuring the survival of local flora and fauna.

2. Inappropriate Location for Housing Development: There are already ongoing redevelopment projects in the Gorse Ride Area and Arborfield designed to create social and affordable housing. These locations are much more suitable for such developments as they are well-served by public transport and have accessible shops and amenities. In contrast, the area of the proposed development lacks these essential services, making it less practical for new housing. Residents would be isolated, leading to increased car dependency, which contradicts sustainable development principles and adds unnecessary strain to local infrastructure.

3. Lack of Supporting Infrastructure: The proposed site does not have the necessary infrastructure to support a new housing development. There are no nearby shops, schools, or medical facilities, which are essential for a residential area. Furthermore, the lack of public transport options would force new residents to rely heavily on private vehicles, exacerbating traffic congestion and environmental pollution. This lack of infrastructure makes the proposed site unsuitable for development and would lead to a lower quality of life for potential residents.

4. Road Safety Concerns The entrance to the proposed development site is located on a stretch of road that transitions from a 30mph to a 60mph speed limit. This creates a dangerous situation for both incoming and outgoing traffic. Despite regular speed enforcement measures, the 30mph limit is frequently exceeded, posing a serious risk to road users. Introducing a new junction here would exacerbate these dangers, leading to a higher likelihood of traffic accidents and endangering lives.

In light of the above points, I strongly urge the council to reject this planning permission application. The proposed development would not only harm the local environment and wildlife but also fails to consider the practical needs of its future residents.

Thank you for considering my objections. I trust that the council will make a decision that prioritises the well-being of both the community and the environment.