

PLANNING REF : 241567  
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 18 Cricket Hill  
: Finchampstead, Berkshire  
: RG40 3TN  
SUBMITTED BY : Mr James Chalfont  
DATE SUBMITTED : 14/12/2024

COMMENTS:

Having reviewed the revision to the application, there is no material change to the plans that will reduce the impact on the environment, the character of Finchampstead as a village and the local residents as a result and so all the points in my original objection still stand.

In some ways the revised plans only make things worse:

- The reduction in the number of houses from 40 to 38 is not a material change
- The change in the layout of the plans means that the houses are more densely populated, especially towards the north of the plans. This will have a greater impact on 18, 19 and 20 Cricket Hill, being closer to a great number of houses and further increasing light and noise pollution.
- An increase in the number of 2 bedroom houses and fewer 3 bedroom houses means the plans are even less in keeping with the character of the village and means that the houses are not suitable for growing families.
- The small reduction in the percentage of affordable housing is not enough. The percentage is still excessive given the allocations for which having been met in Aborfield and Wokingham.
- The Wokingham Development Plan is due for sign off in early 2025 and is likely to plan for the future need for housing for the foreseeable future, meaning development on this site in Finchampstead is not required
- The revised plans don't address the lack of public transport or provision of local services and facilities that are already oversubscribed. The change in the housing profile is only likely to exacerbate the overdemand.