

PLANNING REF : 241567
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 32 Almond Drive
: Thatcham
: RG18 4DZ
SUBMITTED BY : Miss Charlotte Ingham
DATE SUBMITTED : 26/07/2024

COMMENTS:

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed development of 40 new houses off Longwater Road in Finchampstead. I have grown up in Finchampstead in very close proximity to the proposed site and feel that the estate would completely change the character of the road. The houses are of a much higher density than those around it and it would do real harm to the area. This is a greenfield site and outside the settlement boundary according to the WBC local plan. It also doesn't comply with multiple policies in the Wokingham local plan or the Finchampstead Neighbourhood Development plan.

The site is also unsustainable. There isn't the infrastructure to support it, as there are no shops, doctors' surgery, public transport or places of employment within the village. Not to mention that the NHS primary care network is already at full capacity in Arborfield, Swallowfield and Finchampstead.

The neighbouring nature reserve will also be significantly impacted by the urbanisation, street lighting and increased density of inhabitants. The field currently serves as a buffer between the reserve and housing. Many animals including deer and birds can frequently be seen in the field which would be harshly displaced.