

PLANNING REF : 261695
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 7 Hart Dyke Close
: Wokingham
: RG41 2HQ
SUBMITTED BY : Dr Rosemary Hancock
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COMMENTS:

I am objecting to the above planning application on the following grounds

Environmental - I have seen barn owls, woodpecker, red kites and deer in the field. My bird identification app has identified numerous other bird song not just commoner birds but rarer ones such as nutjacks. We have seen a slow worm in our garden and a grass snake in our garage on one very memorable day. We often hear owls hooting at night.

Surveys tell us skylarks nest in the grass. This field is their home and hunting grounds. It should stay that way. The field is only mown once a year - this is from direct observation despite what the applicant tells the planning committee about it being managed. As yet this year there has been no active "management" of the field apart from a small area of mowing nr the school.

The land has already been rejected by planning committee and upon appeal for development - nothing has changed since then to the land therefore it remains unsuitable for any development

Loss of amenity- the proposed acoustic wall will directly affect our neighbours and our light and views of the field. We chose to buy our forever house here with the expectation that we will continue to enjoy the field as is- whether left to nature or farmed. The proposed wall will have a massive effect on the residents' lives. Loss of plants and trees- loss of one tree in the tree line between the school and the field. Effect on the trees and gardens already present with blocking of sunlight and root damage during construction. The acoustic wall- loss of amenity, light, noise, "hiding" spot for school children/staff/visitor and parents. No details on the planned planting - unless they are large aka "expensive" specimens it will be many decades before the wall is covered and hide its sheer height and unattractiveness. This field is home to bats which are a highly protected species- I won't enjoy seeing them and birds being tangled up in the cricket netting.

Flooding- we have nice views across the field- we do enjoy watching the ducks on the pond that forms in the winter out there. It is very prone to flooding no matter what any mitigation effects may be tried. It puts our properties at increasing risk of pluvial flooding.

Noise- screaming, whistles, shouting, swearing, ball noise from schoolchildren/visitors/parents. Increasing traffic noise from the school. Further larger joint events being held on the MUGA and the proposed pitches. Machinery noise for the care and upkeep by the grounds team. Last year the school held a welcoming event on their sports pitch for the incoming year 7. It was crazy loud- the sound bounced around the road and was so loud this of us who work from home had to make multiple complaints to get it turned down. We are bracing ourselves for round 2 next week. It showed the school had NO respect for their immediate neighbours and clearly have no respect for us now.

Lighting - no floodlighting has been applied for at present,

naturally this would be the next step to allow evening use during football and rugby season for community use. The lighting from the MUGA is already very intrusive into our homes.

MUGA - PA 190673- Luckley House School cannot be trusted to follow planning regulations and has recurrently been in breach of planning approval re floodlighting and whistle use on the MUGA. Multiple residents have made multiple complaints since it was built. It is almost exclusively community use that has caused the breaches which is worrying as they state they want to open the proposed new sports pitches for community use.