

PLANNING REF : 250451
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Holme Park Cottage
: Heathlands Road, Heathlands Road, Wokingham, Berkshire
: RG40 3AJ
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Tim Robbins
DATE SUBMITTED : 16/04/2025

COMMENTS:

We would like to object to the proposed new MUGA application from Holme Grange School. We have lived at Holme Park Cottage for 28 years and have seen Holme Grange School grow from a few hundred pupils to over 750 and have endured the increase in noise, light pollution and increased traffic and its impact on us without ever objecting before.

Some of the details in the application are contradictory. We share boundaries with Holme Grange School and are at points approximately 60 m away from the proposed site of the MUGA not the 200 m as stated in the statement.

The Head of Grounds for Holme Grange School did come and see us to inform us that Holme Grange School would like to install a "new astroturf" but we were not fully consulted as to the intended size or use by the community as mentioned in the statement. We already suffer from excessive noise from the playground and carpark and cannot sit in our garden during school hours due to the screaming children. We do not even have respite during the school holidays as there are holiday camps. The noise impact assessment states that the proposed noise levels are expected to remain the same but if the MUGA is to be used out of school hours then the noise levels will only increase. We would also question that the pool was only used 4 times last summer term. We have the right to peace and quiet and enjoyment of our home without excessive disturbance from others which we will not have if the MUGA is to be used out of school hours and at weekends.

We are subjected to endless noise from leaf blowers, car alarms, school alarms, exhaust pollution from the extra cars and lights that sometimes do not go off all night.

The current school lights impact on us to the point that they shine into our house and create shadows on the ground in our field. It is also affecting the local songbirds who can be heard singing well after dark. If trees are to be felled for the installation of the MUGA then the light pollution we already suffer from could well be made even worse.

The community benefits are questionable as approximately 60 acres of Grays Farm are due to be turned into a sports hub by Wokingham Borough Council.