

PLANNING REF : 242440
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Tall Trees
: Hollybush Ride, Finchampstead, Berkshire
: RG40 3QR
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Michael Simmonite
DATE SUBMITTED : 08/10/2024

COMMENTS:

Good morning to you,

My name is Michael Simmonite and I live across from Penny Wood and I would object to anyone allowing the driveway at Penny Wood to remain a Tarmac surface as it has continuously caused damage to my property with the flow of water off the surface and into the gully that leads to my property. I have video evidence, which I am more than happy to share, to show how the water off this surface is still causing damage to my property and, although I have shared my concerns with the owner of Penny Wood, they obviously have no interest in stopping this damage.

Although I am registered disabled, I am having to dig up the drain that runs down the length of my property (approximately 60 meters long) as the volume of water now coming off this driveway has blocked the drain with mud, leaves and twigs and I cannot afford to keep spending the time and money to maintain this drain with neighbours that are increasing the volume of water onto my property. The damage to my property includes the blocking of the drain, a couple of fallen trees at the bottom of my Garden (where the water has washed all the soil from the roots) and the growth of vegetation which is completely alien to my property and has only been growing for the last 3-4 years (equal to the time the tarmac has been covering Penny Wood's driveway).

In addition to all this damage and additional work for me, I can also confirm that the builder was questioned about the laying of the Tarmac when it originally went down (as I had my concerns with how it would affect my property) and I was told and reassured at that point that the Tarmac was only going down for the period of the build of the House and it would be removed and Pea Shingle would be put down

instead, when the House was completed. The fact that the House build has lasted so long has been of some concern to more people than myself along the Road, but for myself it has caused much damage and work.

I am currently discussing this and another issue along the road with the Floods and planning/enforcement offices within the Council and I know that they have objected to the Tarmac remaining in situ, as they have seen my many concerns and the field of damage it has caused.

I would welcome any opportunity to come and visit any members of the Council that are overseeing this application and would be very happy to show the videos of the water flowing off the driveway and it's affect on my property.