

PLANNING REF : 241900
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Cedarwood
: Old Bath Road, Sonning
: RG4 6TQ
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Derek Althorp
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COMMENTS:

I am writing to express my strong objection to the proposed development.

While the plan might appear to address certain housing needs, the removal of age restrictions will likely result in a significantly higher number of residents per household - potentially double. This increase will magnify the negative impacts of the development on the surrounding area.

Firstly, the pressure on local infrastructure, including roads, public transportation, and utility services, will be far more intense than anticipated. An influx of additional residents will lead to more vehicles on the roads, escalating traffic congestion and increasing the risk of accidents. This will be particularly challenging with the quantum of delivery van's and the increase of online shopping.

The local public transport network, already operating under strain, will struggle to manage the surge in demand, leading to overcrowded and inefficient services.

Secondly, the environmental consequences will be considerable. A larger population will generate more waste, contribute to higher levels of pollution, and put further pressure on local green spaces and natural ecosystems. The overall environmental degradation will be much more severe than originally assessed, threatening the quality of life in the area.

Thirdly, community services such as schools, healthcare facilities, and social services will face overwhelming demand. Schools may become overcrowded, which could degrade the quality of education provided, and healthcare facilities may be unable to adequately serve a larger, more diverse population.

Lastly, the increase in population will significantly alter the character of the area, making it more congested and less suitable for the current residents. The peaceful nature of our small development next door will undoubtedly will be disrupted, leading to a decline in the overall quality of life for us existing residents.