

PLANNING REF : 250543
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Jersey Drive Winnersh
: Wokingham
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SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Lucky K
DATE SUBMITTED : 28/03/2025

COMMENTS:

Dear Planning Committee,

I wish to formally object to the proposed change of use for 4 Winnersh Fields. The development raises serious concerns regarding traffic, parking, and infrastructure, which have not been adequately addressed in the application. Below are the key reasons for my objection:

1. Severe Traffic Congestion and Safety Risks

The site is adjacent to the already overwhelmed Showcase roundabout, a critical junction serving M4/A329 traffic. Increased vehicular movement, particularly during peak hours, will worsen existing gridlock, delay emergency services, and increase accident risks for pedestrians and cyclists.

No mitigation measures have been proposed to manage the inevitable surge in traffic and crowd, despite well-documented issues.

Even minor disruptions such as gas works or any maintenance works on Reading Road or flooding nearby areas as always adds severe congestion in this area. Introducing a high-traffic facility will make these problems far more frequent and unmanageable.

2. Inadequate Parking and Unsuitable Access

The application proposes only 14 parking spaces for 70+ attendees, a gross underestimation. Nearby cultural centres with more spaces still struggle with illegal and disruptive parking. Where will visitors go?

Retail parks (displacing customers and harming businesses)?

Residential streets (violating permits and inconveniencing locals)?

The distant Park & Ride (requiring a 15-minute unsafe walk across the busy A329)?

The site's private, unadopted roads are not designed for public access, and the existing security barrier will create bottlenecks, disrupting both worshippers and businesses.

3. A Better Location Must Be Found

Given the clear strain on infrastructure in Winnersh Parish, a more accessible and less disruptive site should be prioritized.