

PLANNING REF : 250517
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 24 Century Drive
: Spencers Wood, Reading, Berks, Choose County
: RG7 1PE
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Susan Ashwell
DATE SUBMITTED : 15/03/2026

COMMENTS:

As a resident of Century Drive I object to the Foot/cycle Access proposed through the Century Drive play park. This could endanger children playing in the park which is supposed to be small green safe recreational space giving visibility to strangers and free from careless and possibly speedy cyclists. Also the habitat of wildlife could be disturbed and consequently lost. The tranquility of this green space for the use of residents would no longer exist and it could amount to becoming purely waste-ground. There could also become hostility between residents and people using any new footpath if this small green space becomes a common thoroughfare causing noise and potential nuisance, and altering the original intended nature and use of the play park.

I also object to this planning application because of loss of open countryside and green space. In recent years the village nature of Spencers Wood has been seriously eroded because of the large expansion of new housing on what used to be the NIRD. This has had a serious impact on the character of the local area. Too much too quickly, Spencers Wood does not want to become an amorphous blob.

The new housing in recent years has put great pressure on local roads, and any new housing will only make it more difficult to access A33 and M4. Trying to exit Spencers Wood before 9.00 am on to A33 on week days can easily take 20 minutes to get through even a small section of Basingstoke Road.

Further loss of countryside and wildlife habitat caused by the massive number of new houses in recent years is to be deplored. Spencers Wood is not a town and needs to retain what is left of its rural character.