

PLANNING REF : 251486
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 355 Barkham Road
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: RG41 4DJ
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Derek Anderson
DATE SUBMITTED : 21/08/2025

COMMENTS:

I wish to object to planning application 251486 for the following reasons:

Highway Safety

Edneys Hill is a narrow rural lane with numerous blind bends and pinch points. Increased traffic generated by the proposed development would make the road significantly busier and raise the risk of accidents. Furthermore, it is difficult to see how any safe access or exit point onto Edneys Hill could be achieved given the limited visibility and existing road conditions.

Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure

The application makes claims about great pedestrian and cycling infrastructure. This is misleading. Barkham Road is a very busy route with no dedicated cycling provision, while Edneys Hill has no pavements or cycling infrastructure whatsoever. To suggest otherwise is inaccurate and demonstrates a lack of regard for the local environment and community safety.

Impact on Wildlife

The proposed development would have a detrimental impact on local wildlife. The area is home to numerous species, including bats, owls, deer, and foxes, which rely on the hedgerows and green spaces along Edneys Hill/Barkham Road for habitat and movement. The removal or disturbance of these features would cause significant ecological harm.

Landscape and Character

The site is a green field that contributes to the rural character of Barkham. Development here would erode the landscape and scenic beauty of the area, contrary to the claims in the planning application. It is not clear how building on this open land can be reconciled with preserving the rural setting that the community greatly values.

For these reasons, I urge the planning authority to refuse this application.