

PLANNING REF : 260774
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Pheasant Lodge
: Basingstoke Road, Swallowfield, Berkshire
: RG7 1PY
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Leigh David Edward Clarke
DATE SUBMITTED : 13/05/2026

COMMENTS:

I wish to object to the proposed development of 44 houses in our village.

One of the main reasons many residents value living here is the rural character of the area, with open green fields and countryside that are heavily used for walking, running and cycling. The proposed development would significantly urbanise the edge of the village and result in the loss of open green space that contributes greatly to the character and wellbeing of the local community.

I am also concerned that the scale of the development is disproportionate to the size and infrastructure of the village. An additional 44 houses is likely to generate a substantial increase in vehicle traffic on roads that are already narrow and busy at peak times. This could worsen congestion, reduce road safety for pedestrians and cyclists, and negatively affect the quiet nature of the area.

The surrounding roads and footpaths are regularly used by walkers, runners, cyclists and families, and increased traffic would make these routes less safe and less enjoyable. The development would therefore have a harmful impact on both the character of the countryside and the lifestyle of existing residents.

I would also ask the council to carefully consider:

The cumulative impact on local infrastructure and services

The effect on wildlife and biodiversity in surrounding fields and hedgerows

Whether the proposal is in keeping with the character and scale of the village

The long-term impact on rural views and public enjoyment of the countryside

For these reasons, I respectfully object to the application and ask that it be refused