

Planning ref: 242067

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Badgers Bottom
Hurst
RG10 0SG

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I **object** to planning application number **242067**, the development of 99 houses on the land east of Lodge Rd, Hurst

The proposed development does not fall within the Development Limit, village envelope, of Hurst.

Paraphrasing a recent Planning Inspectorate decision for a nearby development in Hurst

“this is the wrong development in the wrong place.”

There seems to be no allowance in the plans for a new school, when all the nearby ones are at capacity,

And it is very unrealistic that the suggestion that a small minibus, which it is not clear how many years this committed for or subsequently paid for, will in some way alleviate a mass exodus of cars from the site each morning delivering children to various schools, and people to work (the train/bus works only for a small proportion of commuters).

Regarding the property design – energy efficiency.

I read with interest the report with regard to design, and I would expect in what is generally considered a high value area that any proposal would be able to absorb the modest cost of the houses being designed with near zero external energy requirements.

The rejection of ground source as a heating option seem to me lacking in imagination, as there is a very large field/open space in the plan where this type of installation could be used as a community energy initiative rather than making each property independent.

Photo from 2021 showing flooding in the field – it does get worse this.

