

PLANNING REF : 260774
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Thorn End
: Odiham Road, Riseley, Reading, Berkshire
: RG71SD
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Lisa Ward
DATE SUBMITTED : 01/05/2026

COMMENTS:

I totally oppose this planning application for the following reasons;

1. My main reason for opposing this is the impact on wildlife. This is a wildlife corridor leading to the Devils highway. There are bats, owls, buzzards that live in this field, which is beside old and established woodland. I understand that many of these animals are protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. This development would mean that many of these animals would lose their feeding options and routes to find food more difficult.

2. Unsustainable development- Riseley does not have the infrastructure to support this development. There are no local shops, schools and very limited facilities, The local GP is already under too much pressure. It does not align with sustainable development.

3. Traffic and highways

The access points to this development are small narrow lanes and the access to these are on a bend, with limited visibility. There will be increased queues on roads already at capacity. There are limited bus routes which make the bus option difficult for people working in Reading, there are no buses to Wokingham or indeed anywhere else. It would add to pollution.

4. Local landscape

This is a small village and the development of this particular area, where it has old and established hedgerows, woodland and trees, would be unacceptable to the character of the area. I believe that this would have a very negative affect on the local ecology.

5. Water-flooding and supplies

Local water supplies are already struggling which Thames Water is aware of. This land absorbs some of the A33 rain water run off and if the development goes ahead it will increase issues with flooding. The environment agency already has issues in Riseley and Swallowfield and this will exacerbate the problems.

Conclusion; My main and overriding concerns are for the protection of local wildlife and countryside. This landscape of this area supports an ever dwindling patch of green for wildlife and I believe this is not a sustainable or indeed contravenes the above wildlife act.