

PLANNING REF : 252498
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 14 Arborfield Road
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SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Rachel Hicks
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COMMENTS:

The surrounding roads simply cannot cope with the additional pressure that this will add to them. There is already terrible congestion along Lower Earley way during all peak travel times and this will only make it worse with people commuting to/from this new estate. Until the road network has been significantly improved, it cannot be possible to add a development of this scale to the local area.

This area is a popular walking area which we use regularly and it will be a real loss to the local area if it is built upon. The area reserved as "green space" has been reserved because it floods throughout the winter and some of the spring and autumn. It is therefore easy for the developers to section it off as "green space". However, this means that, due to the propensity to flooding, it will be inaccessible to walkers during this time. Ultimately, it means that nearly 50% of the year, the green space will not be accessible.

I am also aware that there are protected animal breeds in the Loddon Valley, including otters. We should be protecting our green spaces for animals in an ever-increasingly urban environment. Arborfield and Shinfield have seen a huge amount of development in recent years and this additional development does not seem necessary or fair on local wildlife.