

PLANNING REF : 241567
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 4
: Burnmoor Mea Finchampstead, Wokingham, Berkshire
: RG40 3TX
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Grahame Hall
DATE SUBMITTED : 28/07/2024

COMMENTS:

I would like to object to the submitted planning application for the following reasons :

- Safety - The site entrance is part of a national speed limit area (60 MPH) and I would be concerned for any young children leaving or entering the site. Especially if they would be walking or cycling to the gravel pits opposite the proposed development / going to play at the memorial ground or play on the opposite meadow. The path alongside Longwater Road is narrow and it is impossible for people to pass each other without walking onto the road. Longwater Road is used by

Collards in Eversley for Heavy Goods Vehicles transiting through the area with recycling / aggregates and other materials and is a major health and safety risk for anyone walking in and out of the proposed development, especially if they are walking towards Eversley.

Similarly CEMEX transport in soil for the redevelopment of the area next to Moor Green Lakes adding to the HGV volume of Longwater Road.

- Lack of public transport. There are no bus services in the Finchampstead village and would require 100's of extra car journeys per day through a known accident hot spot at the old Memorial Site on Jubilee Road exacerbating a existing problem dramatically.

- Lack of local amenities. - With the exception of Goswell and Birds farm shop, there are no local amenities in the area requiring car journeys for all shopping either into the California Cross Roads which is 1.5 miles away and a 34 minute walk away which you cannot walk on paths the whole way as there are no footpaths on Jubilee Road nor on Church Lane (increased safety risk) or Yately Waitrose which is 2.1 miles away which is also not accessible as there are no footpaths down Firgrove Road.

Lack of Local Infrastructure - The local COE school has historically been over subscribed. The nearest doctors and Chemists is 1 mile away at Finchampstead Surgery and not accessible by foot as there are no footpaths down Jubilee Road or Church Lane and similarly is at full capacity. The nearest dentist is 1.2 miles away at Nine Mile Ride Dentist and also not accessible by foot as there are no footpaths down Jubilee Road or Church Lane. All of the above makes the location of the proposed planning development not in the interests of the

environment or sustainability as it would require car journeys to all local amenities. Also I believe the local sewerage plant off Longwater Road is at full capacity and I believe is discharging excess waste into the Blackwater River and any new development would make this unacceptable problem even worse.

There are better places to build - The application for the proposed development does not form part of the Finchampstead Neighbourhood Development Plan and if this would be approved it would make a farce of this housing development planning approach. Similarly the Wokingham Borough Council Strategic Development Locations relating to the

Finchampstead Parish are better locations for development for all of the above reasons.

