

PLANNING REF : 260872
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 52 Cirrus Drive
: Shinfield, Reading
: RG29FL
SUBMITTED BY : Councillor Vishal Srinivasan
DATE SUBMITTED : 17/05/2026

COMMENTS:

I object to the proposed change of use at 1 Pascal Crescent to a children's home, primarily because the parking and access arrangements appear inadequate for the likely level of activity generated by the use.

The provision of only two on-site parking spaces is unlikely to be sufficient. A children's home would reasonably be expected to involve multiple members of staff on site, including shift changes at different times of the day, as well as visits from social workers, support professionals, maintenance workers, food deliveries and other service vehicles. Unlike a normal residential use, many of these journeys are likely to be made by people travelling from outside the immediate area, increasing pressure on already limited local parking.

Pascal Crescent and the surrounding estate are residential streets that already experience parking stress. Additional vehicles could worsen congestion, obstruct visibility and make it harder for residents to park near their homes. I am also concerned that poor parking in the area already creates difficulties for larger vehicles, including emergency vehicles and ambulances, particularly around constrained parts of the estate. Any further intensification of vehicle movements could make this situation worse.

There is also the potential for cumulative parking pressure when nearby events take place, with visitors already spilling into surrounding streets. Introducing a use with regular staff movements, professional visits and deliveries risks adding to these existing problems.

I am further concerned about the potential impact on neighbouring amenity. A children's home may involve more frequent activity in the garden and outside areas, including during evenings and weekends. This could result in increased noise and disturbance compared with the existing residential use.