

PLANNING REF : 241567
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Sauterelle
: 14 Cricket Hill, Finchampstead, Berkshire
: RG40 3TN
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Philip Burgess
DATE SUBMITTED : 23/07/2024

COMMENTS:

I support the planning application for the following reasons: 1.

Affordability and Demographics

The high cost of housing in Finchampstead Village, with house prices exceeding 800,000, makes it impossible for younger families to move into the area. Introducing a small new development with more affordable housing options could attract younger families with children, thereby balancing the current older demographics. This demographic shift can bring various social benefits, including a more vibrant community with diverse age groups.

2. Sustainability and Service Improvement

The council is more likely to enhance and improve services (such as transportation, healthcare, water services, and education) if there is a demonstrable increase in demand. A new development would not only provide homes but also justify the expansion and improvement of local infrastructure and services, leading to overall community growth and better quality of life.

3. Government Change

There are many planning applications that have been reactivated. Developers see that now is the time. Finchampstead will see applications coming in from all directions and for hundreds of houses. There is a lot of dormant land waiting for the right opportunity. In light of what the government has stated, it will be a brave person that stands up and states that "zero houses" is the right path. Don't let Finchampstead become a Crowthorne. The right choice is enough

houses to satisfy the government requirements and small enough to minimize the impact to the community.