

Objection to Planning Application Reference: 261695

Proposal: Sports pitches and Infrastructure by Luckley School

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I object to the planning application for the following reasons.

- **Loss of open Countryside**

I have lived in Hart Dyke Close all my life (23 years) and have loved seeing the deer coming right up to our garden, as well as the other abundant wildlife. I'm passionate about animals and hate the thought of them losing their homes and I'm worried about the loss of this beautiful countryside, which is being eroded bit by bit.

It was sad when we didn't manage to succeed with the Village Green application when I was younger, as it had been a place where I walked the dogs, as did other neighbours. Fortunately, though it has since been protected from development by the Council, meaning that we can still enjoy the wildlife and countryside.

- **Noise Pollution and Disruption to Daytime Sleep**

My bedroom directly faces the site of the proposed pitches and large associated infrastructure. As an emergency worker required to work shifts at any given time, I need to be able to get quiet, undisturbed sleep during daytime hours to safely perform my job and protect my health.

Sports pitches generate intense, unpredictable, and repetitive noise—including loud shouting, referee whistles, and the impact of balls. My bedroom window faces this field, only a few metres away, and the noise levels will potentially be highly disruptive on my daytime sleep. Although the school proposes a solid acoustic fence, its positioning directly on our boundary seems unlikely to protect my sleep environment.

I'm also concerned about my nephew (3 months old), who will be staying here during the day when my sister returns to work. His nursery directly overlooks the proposed pitches, next to my bedroom. Even more concerning is whether he will be safe in the garden from stray balls.

- **Impact from massive industrial structure and Loss of Natural Light**

I'm very worried about the sheer size and height of a 3.5m solid acoustic fence combined with a 6.5-metre high netting system built right on the boundary as it will tower over our home, creating an incredibly oppressive, and enclosed feeling. It will completely block out the countryside and I'm concerned it will severely block out sun light, leaving the downstairs living room dark. This drastic reduction in daylight, combined with the inability to rest properly during the day due to pitch proximity, will

have a severe, negative compound impact on my mental health and living environment.

- **Floodlighting and use outside school hours**

There has been talk of floodlighting, and this would be a major problem to me, as it would not only cause me issues of sleeping in the evenings due to the light intensity, but would mean that matches would be able to be played at that time, creating noise issues in evenings as well as daytime. This means that I would have no respite from the noise.

Conclusion

The current layout completely fails to balance the school's desire for sports facilities with my statutory right to health and living amenity, creating a direct conflict with Wokingham's adopted local plan. Please, please, please reject this planning application.

Current view from my bedroom windows, looking on to the proposed site. This view would be replaced with the 6.5m structure, with rugby posts towering above, positioned in the foreground, a few metres away.

