

PLANNING REF : 250517
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 3
: Clements Clos Spencers Wood, Reading, Berkshire
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COMMENTS:

Objection to Planning Application: 250517
To Wokingham Borough Council Planning Department,
I am writing as a resident of the Spencers Wood area for over 20 years to formally object to application 250517. My objection is based on the unsustainable impact this major development will have on an infrastructure that is already in a state of failure.
1. Critical Highway Infrastructure Failure
The local road network is currently incapable of supporting existing traffic, let alone a major new development. Specifically:

Green Park/M4 Junction: The traffic lights connecting to the M4 motorway are a daily "nightmare." This strategic link is already operating well beyond its designed capacity. Adding further residential traffic to this specific bottleneck will lead to total gridlock, impacting not only residents but the wider regional economy.

Commute Times: As a long-term resident, I have seen my 4-mile commute to work increase to over an hour. This is clear evidence that the highway network has reached a "tipping point" where any further volume constitutes a severe impact under the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

2. School Run and Pedestrian Safety

The current "school run" already creates hazardous conditions. The influx of large coaches and cars used to transport children to and from school "boxes in" current residents, creating significant congestion and highway safety risks. This development would exacerbate this daily conflict between residential, school, and through-traffic.

3. Lack of Concurrent Infrastructure

For two decades, I have seen "forced" housing growth in Spencers Wood without the corresponding delivery of schools, shops, or services. This application continues a pattern of unsustainable development that ignores the lack of local amenities, forcing even more car journeys for basic needs and further straining oversubscribed local facilities.

Conclusion

After 20 years of witnessing the transformation of this area, I believe this proposal represents an over-development that the current infrastructure simply cannot sustain. I would even consider moving home if this goes ahead, such is the expected degradation of my quality of life. I urge the Council to refuse this application until a comprehensive, funded plan for road and service infrastructure is in place.