

PLANNING REF : 251310
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Corderys Barn
: Off Church Lane, Farley Hill
: RG7 1UY
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Tracey Lilley
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COMMENTS:

I am writing to formerly object to the proposed application at Blackcroft Farm for residential development. I strongly support the need for a full EIA to assess the impact of the proposed development on the surrounding area and the semi rural hamlet of Farley Hill for the reasons below.

The scale of this development is huge in comparison to the surrounding residential area. Arborfield has had significant development in recent years which has put a huge strain on existing infrastructure. The proposed development will have a detrimental impact on wildlife with the loss of local habitats for birds, deer, badgers and other animals as well as the impact of increased traffic on the roads for local cyclists, walkers and horse riders. There are currently no safe walking / cycling routes for children from Farley Hill to get to school since the move of Farley Hill Primary School to Arborfield. The new development would also house families who would need to safely convey their children to school.

The A327 has had numerous accidents over the years due to the speed of the road including some fatalities. There has been at least 3 additional roundabouts added to the A327 on a fairly short stretch of the road due to recent development with another one proposed for this development. There have been issues for many years with the traffic to and from Eversley. Additional traffic will only cause further congestion and pollution. I sit and watch the deer in the fields from my lounge windows only to then find them dead on the road where they are forced to cross busy roads due to loss of habitat to roam safely. Additional traffic through Farley Hill is not sustainable due to the narrow roads and lanes and lack of pathways for pedestrians.

This is not a suitable development for the area and will open the floodgates to additional development and infilling along the A327 exacerbating the issues raised above. It is therefore imperative that a full EIA is carried out to understand the full impact of this proposed development.