

PLANNING REF : 250974
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 18 West Court
: West Drive, Sonning, Reading, Berkshire
: RG4 6GL
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Patrick Hamblin for Sonning & Sonning Eye Society
DATE SUBMITTED : 19/06/2025

COMMENTS:

The Sonning & Sonning Eye Society is a civic society established for the public benefit in the area comprising Sonning and Sonning Eye. Its objectives include the following:

- To promote high standards of planning and architecture , and
- to secure the preservation, protection, development and improvements of historic, natural or public interest.

The Sonning & Sonning Eye Society wishes to object to this application for the following reasons:

- This is a retrospective application because the requirement to deliver 40% affordable housing was a condition of the original planning approval, granted on Appeal.
- The Developers would have been aware of the requirement for 40% affordable housing when they purchased the site from a previous developer.
- The comments regarding making a profit seem questionable, bearing in mind the likely selling prices of the remaining dwellings in Sonning, where there is often a premium on property prices.
- There is little opportunity for affordable housing in Sonning, and this would be a lost opportunity if not provided.