PLANNING REF : 261695
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 10
: Park Road, Wokingham, Berkshire
: RG40 2AH
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Michael Riccio
DATE SUBMITTED : 27/08/2026

COMMENTS:
Dear Planning Officer,

I am writing to strongly object to Planning Application 261695 and ask the Council to refuse it.

I have lived in Wokingham for over 60 years and have seen many changes to the town during that time. I am very concerned about the gradual loss of the countryside around Wokingham. This is currently open countryside and, in my view, it should remain that way.

I understand that a previous Planning Inspector considered development in this wider area and recognised its open and rural character. I
believe this is still important, particularly in maintaining the green gap between Wokingham and Finchampstead North.

I am also concerned about the effect on neighbouring residents. The proposed 3.5-metre acoustic fence and 6-metre ball-stop netting are substantial structures and would have a major visual impact so close to people's homes.

Noise is a particular concern. The shouting, whistles and general noise from sporting activity will inevitably affect the surrounding area, especially if outside clubs use the pitches during evenings and weekends.

Wokingham's roads are already very busy, and I am concerned that additional traffic, drop-offs and parking will make existing problems
worse.

I also understand that the site is prone to flooding. I am concerned that changing the use of the land could affect drainage and potentially cause problems for neighbouring properties.

I also question why this additional area of countryside is needed when the school already has sports facilities and uses other facilities elsewhere.

Having lived in Wokingham for over 60 years, I feel strongly that our remaining countryside should be protected. I do not believe this development is appropriate for this location.

I therefore ask Wokingham Borough Council to refuse planning permission.

Yours faithfully,

Mr M Riccio