

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

COMMENTS:

I would like to object to this application and ask the Council to refuse permission.

I have lived in Wokingham for many years and care very much about the town and the countryside around it. I do not think this field should be turned into another developed part of the school.

What concerns me is the scale of what is being proposed. This is not just a couple of playing fields. There will be large areas of netting, a 3.5-metre fence and other sports equipment, all in an area which is currently open and green.

I am also very concerned for the residents who live nearby. They will have to look at these structures every day and deal with the noise from matches and training. Shouting, whistles and general sporting activity are very different from the quiet use the land has now. If outside clubs use the facilities, the disturbance could carry on into evenings and weekends.

There are already serious traffic problems around Wokingham, and I cannot see how adding more cars and visitors to the area will help. Parking is another concern, particularly when the facilities are being used outside school hours.

I also understand that this land is affected by flooding. I would be very concerned if changing the land and its drainage resulted in water being diverted towards other properties.

The Planning Inspector's previous decision regarding development in this wider area also gives me concern. The Inspector recognised the rural character of the area, and I believe that is something the Council should continue to protect.

Wokingham has already grown considerably. We should not assume that every piece of countryside beside an existing development is available for further expansion.

I therefore believe this application would be harmful to the character of the area, the countryside and the people living nearby.

Please refuse planning application 261695.

Yours faithfully
Mrs M Riccio