

PLANNING REF : 252601
PROPERTY ADDRESS : The Willows
: Mill Lane
: RG41 5DF
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Amy Clements
DATE SUBMITTED : 23/09/2026

COMMENTS:

I live at The Willows, which is shown as Monsoon on the plans. Our property is directly next to where the new access is proposed, so the changes to the road and the area outside our house are particularly relevant to us.

Having looked at the plans, it appears that the ditch alongside the road would need to be removed or altered to ensure the road is widened, along with a number of the trees growing along it, in order to create the wider entrance and passing area. These trees have been there for many years and are part of what makes Mill Lane look and feel like a rural lane. Removing them and the trees covered by TPO-1755-2020 mentioned by other correspondents at the entrance to the dwellings would make a significant difference to the character of this section of the road and I don't think removing them to create access has been properly justified.

I'm also slightly concerned about what this could mean longer term. There has already been a previous application for a much larger development in this area, including 87 houses. I appreciate that this application is only for three and that approving three houses does not automatically mean more will follow. However, creating a new access into the land could make further development easier in the future, so I think the Council needs to consider the bigger picture rather than just these three houses.

I ask the Council to look again at the proposed access, in conjunction with the wider Hatch Farm plans to consider whether there is a way of providing access to the West without changing the character of Mill Lane in this way and in particular the need to remove the ditch and trees