

PLANNING REF : 250517
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Parish Office
: Swallowfield Street, Swallowfield, Reading
: RG7 1QX
SUBMITTED BY : Swallowfield Parish Council
DATE SUBMITTED : 06/05/2025

COMMENTS:

Swallowfield Parish Council objects to this application for the following reasons:

- Erosion of the separation between the settlements of Swallowfield and Spencers Wood. This development and the recently approved solar farm immediately south of this site will halve the green separation between the two settlements, reducing it to less than 750m.
- Increased traffic: the additional traffic will increase rush hour delays at: the Riseley junction with the A33; the traffic light junction of the B3449 with Hyde End Road; the Three Mile Cross junction with the A33. These are already significant bottlenecks. It is also likely that frustrated drivers will use shortcuts across Beech Hill Road to White House Lane to access the A33. This will increase the likelihood of accidents.

However, if Wokingham Borough Council approves this application, we strongly urge that infrastructure be installed very early in the process. In particular, we ask that:

- the school be introduced at the initial stages to ease pressure on Lamb's Lane School, with a sufficient number of forms in each year to provide sufficient spaces, and that a specific requirement is that the primary children of Swallowfield Parish are offered sufficient places to allow local education for our children. Also funding towards provision of secondary schooling possibly by upgrading of Oakbank school and provision of sixth form facilities. The appalling lack of school provision for Swallowfield was addressed by Prof R W Hoyle in submission APP-ID13 of the appeal for Trowes Lane Swallowfield WBC application 230422
- sufficient medical facilities are provided to ease the demand on Swallowfield Medical Practice and that adequate dental provision be provided."