

PLANNING REF : 260774
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Basingstoke Road
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: RG7 1PY
SUBMITTED BY : Mrs Eleanor Clarke
DATE SUBMITTED : 14/05/2026

COMMENTS:

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to formally object to the proposed development of 44 houses - planning application 260774.

My objection is based on the following concerns:

1. Traffic and Highway Safety

Swallowfield already experiences significant traffic pressures, particularly because there is effectively only one bridge providing access in and out of the village. This creates a major bottleneck at peak times and any increase in housing will inevitably lead to additional vehicle movements.

The proposed development of 44 homes could add dozens of extra cars to the local road network, increasing congestion, delays, and safety risks for residents, pedestrians, and cyclists. In the event of an accident, flooding, or emergency closure affecting the bridge, access to and from the village is severely restricted. The existing infrastructure is simply not suitable for this scale of development without substantial transport improvements.

2. Strain on Local Services and Infrastructure

Local services are already under pressure, particularly GP surgeries and healthcare provision. Residents already experience difficulty obtaining appointments, and the addition of potentially over 100 new residents will place further strain on doctors, dentists, schools, and other essential services.

There does not appear to be sufficient evidence that the current infrastructure can accommodate this level of growth, nor that meaningful improvements will be delivered alongside the development.

3. Impact on Wildlife and the Rural Environment

The field proposed for development provides valuable habitat for local wildlife and contributes to the rural character of the area. Development would inevitably result in habitat loss, disturbance to wildlife, and reduction in biodiversity.

The loss of green space would also negatively affect the character of the village and the surrounding countryside, which is an important aspect of why residents choose to live here.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that the application be refused.