

PLANNING REF : 242067
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 3 Poynders Road
: London
: SW4 8NX
SUBMITTED BY : Miss Alice Wilson
DATE SUBMITTED : 19/09/2024

COMMENTS:

I am writing to object to planning application 242067 - 99 dwellings on Land between Lodge Road and Tape Lane RG10 0EG.

I was lucky enough to grow up in Hurst and regularly return to stay with my parents who still live in the village. I enjoy the calm environment and the mental wellbeing I feel when I'm here.

My parents drove me to school in Wokingham (primary and secondary) and to Wokingham station to catch the train to Farnborough sixth form college. I also relied on them to drive me to activities and visit friends.

When I started working in London, I was ferried to Twyford station by car and back at the start and end of each day. The proposed mini bus finishes at 7pm. I still often come back to Hurst to visit my parents during the week, after finishing work (in London). If I leave work at 6.10pm, I do not arrive back in Twyford until 8pm. This would be too late to use the proposed mini bus service, which will be very expensive to run and from personal experience will not prevent the use of private cars.

A car is essential for people living in the village, which only has very limited amenities and an unreliable bus service. There are no safe cycle routes to neighbouring towns or the station, which are too far to be expected to walk. It is certain that the residents of these 99 properties will need to drive everywhere.

Hurst is a rural village, which is home to an abundance of wildlife. Retaining biodiversity and protecting the environment is extremely important if we are to combat the current climate crisis.

I ask that this application is refused by Wokingham Borough Council.