

PLANNING REF : 250407
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 72 Park View Drive North
: Reading, Berkshire
: RG10 9QY
SUBMITTED BY : Dr Roger Powell
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COMMENTS:

This encroaches on an important wildlife and wetland area surrounded by mature trees and carr. It would be to the direct detriment of avian species, especially migratory species. As you know, there has been a colossal fall-off in bird species and numbers in general over the last 10 -- 20 years, which has been widely blamed on habitat reduction. This development would further deter nesting birds, it would increase the likelihood of pesticides getting into the water, increase the likelihood of leaking sewage and other contaminants. Not to mention contamination from the building detritus, and general disturbance during the construction.

Furthermore, it is obviously not "in-fill" housing as it abuts a natural area. It would be "in-fill" if other housing or urban development surrounded the area, which it does not.

The type of house will not be affordable for anyone but the super-rich and therefore does not address the current housing shortfall. This proposal is purely profit driven and if it goes ahead nature will be the loser as habitat loss increases.

It is precisely the type of development that should be stopped.