

PLANNING REF : 261460
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 26 Butler Road
: Crowthorne, Berks
: RG456QY
SUBMITTED BY : Mr ADRIAN STUDD
DATE SUBMITTED : 04/07/2026

COMMENTS:

I strongly object to this planning application because I believe it would cause unnecessary and irreversible harm to the local environment while delivering very little public benefit.

Over the last few years, this part of the area has already seen extensive housing development. Large numbers of new homes have been built nearby, including developments opposite and behind this site. As a result, much of the area's original woodland and green space has already disappeared. The remaining woodland is becoming increasingly fragmented, and this proposal would remove another important section of what is left.

The value of this site extends far beyond the trees themselves. It provides habitat for wildlife, contributes to biodiversity, helps improve air quality, absorbs rainfall, stores carbon and forms an attractive natural setting for the surrounding neighbourhood. Mature woodland is an asset that has taken decades to establish and cannot realistically be replaced by planting a few new trees elsewhere. I am also concerned about the cumulative effect of continual development. Each individual application may appear relatively modest, but together they have fundamentally altered the character of the locality. There needs to be a point where the remaining natural areas are protected rather than gradually lost through a succession of small developments.

Traffic is another concern. The surrounding road network is already busy throughout much of the day, particularly during peak commuting and school times. Additional homes will inevitably generate extra vehicle movements, placing further pressure on roads that are already experiencing significant use.

Although this application proposes only two dwellings, the benefits of providing such a small number of additional homes are limited. In contrast, the environmental damage would be permanent. Given the considerable amount of housing already delivered in the immediate vicinity, it is difficult to see how sacrificing another area of mature woodland represents sustainable development.

I therefore ask the Council to carefully consider the cumulative impact of recent development, the importance of retaining one of the few remaining wooded areas in the locality, and the long-term environmental consequences of approving this proposal. In my view, these factors outweigh the limited benefit of two additional dwellings, and I respectfully request that planning permission is refused.