

PLANNING REF : 261245
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 74 Austin Road
: Woodley, Berkshire
: RG5 4ES
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Graham Carpenter
DATE SUBMITTED : 04/07/2026

COMMENTS:

Over a number of years we have regularly had blocked drains, leading to toilets filling up which has required Thames Water to attend and clear. Much of this is due to fat being poured into the sewers by business premises on Hudson Road, opposite no. 1.

Our sewers run from our front porch, down the side of our property between the house and Consul Close and then across behind our property, across behind number 72 Austin Road and then through the rear garden of no.1 Hudson Road before joining the main sewer in Hudson Road.

There are two manhole covers in the rear garden of No.1 Hudson Road. I do not know the exact location, but I do know that Thames Water have needed to access both manholes to clear previous blockages.

It is essential that the Council insists that the proposed building should not leave the manhole covers inaccessible by Thames Water as it would not be possible for them to clear any blockages that impact our property. Alternatively the council would need to insist that the foul water drainage for the new property ensures adequate access to Thames Water (preferably approved by Thames Water) for them to be able to clear any blockages that affect our property and number 72 Austin Road.

It is imperative that we, and our neighbour at 72 Austin Road, are not left with blocked foul water drains that cannot be cleared quickly and easily by Thames Water as a result of this proposal.