

PLANNING REF : 242187
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 55
: 55 Starmead Drive, Wokingham, Berkshire
: RG402JA
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Ian Watts
DATE SUBMITTED : 10/06/2026

COMMENTS:

I object to Planning Application 242187 for the proposed development of up to 850 dwellings at South Wokingham SDL Extension Phase 4c.

My primary concern is the cumulative impact of this development when considered alongside the substantial housing already approved and constructed across the South Wokingham Strategic Development Location.

The proposal would result in the further loss of open countryside and contribute to the continuing urbanisation of the area. The cumulative effect of successive large-scale developments is steadily eroding the distinct character of Wokingham as a market town and replacing it with an increasingly continuous suburban landscape. In my view, insufficient weight has been given to the impact on landscape character, settlement identity and the remaining separation between developed areas.

I am also concerned that the application does not adequately demonstrate that the cumulative environmental impacts of an additional 850 dwellings can be satisfactorily mitigated. Particular attention should be given to the loss of habitat, impacts on wildlife corridors and the effectiveness of the proposed SANG in offsetting increased recreational pressure arising from further population growth.

Given the scale of development already accommodated within South Wokingham, the Council should be satisfied that the cumulative landscape and ecological impacts of this proposal are acceptable before granting permission. I do not believe this has been demonstrated and therefore request that planning permission be refused.