

PLANNING REF : 251310
PROPERTY ADDRESS : East Gate
: The Mews Farley Castle, Farley Hill, Berkshire
: RG71XD
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Jake Anthony
DATE SUBMITTED : 21/06/2025

COMMENTS:

The application lists the development as Arborfield, clearly as an attempt to lump the work in with the large development that is already underway within Arborfield. However this proposal is in Farley Hill, a small hamlet located in a government-prescribed sensitive environmental area. I am unable to prune my trees in my garden for fear of affecting the surrounding ecosystem and yet we are suggesting building 650 new homes on prime farm/wildland won't do significantly worse?

There are precedents for refusing this kind of application, specifically one refused in May 2025 on the grounds that the development site was a greenfield in open countryside, and the character and scale were "out of keeping". This refusal also cited unsustainable reliance on cars at the new site and the same would be true if this application went through. The roads around Arborfield are already struggling to cope with the thousands of new homes that have been built and this would irrevocably damage the rural identity of the area. Further to this, the scale that is proposed is wholly out of character for the rural setting and not at all in keeping with the hamlet it is proposed to subsume.

I am vehemently against this development and would be happy to provide any of the above comments in person if needs be.