

PLANNING REF : 242484
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 34 Oatlands Road
: Shinfield
: RG2 9DN
SUBMITTED BY : Mr James M Findlay III
DATE SUBMITTED : 28/11/2024

COMMENTS:

Subject: Objection to Proposed Housing Development

I strongly oppose the proposal to build 191 houses behind my property due to the numerous negative impacts this development will bring to the local community and environment.

Noise Pollution: The construction process and subsequent increase in traffic and activity will disrupt the peaceful character of the area.

Loss of Privacy and Impact on Views: The development will irreversibly alter our natural surroundings, compromising privacy and diminishing the enjoyment of our homes and gardens.

Insufficient Local Facilities: The local infrastructure is already under strain. Schools, GP surgeries, parking, and shops are struggling to accommodate current demand, and this development will exacerbate these issues.

Environmental Concerns: The land in question is currently arable farmland that supports wildlife, including migrating birds. It is essential to preserve these habitats rather than replace them with concrete.

Flood Risk: The site is on a floodplain, raising concerns about increased flood risk for both the new development and existing homes.

Unnecessary Overdevelopment: The Council is already building at three times the national average, with an unprecedented level of land being offered to developers. Our community does not need further arable land sacrificed for housing.

Lack of Renewable Energy: Previous developments in the area lack sustainable energy measures like ground source heating or solar panels. This omission reflects poor planning for a greener future.

Housing Affordability: The homes will likely be expensive and fail to address the need for affordable housing for first-time buyers, benefiting developers more than residents.

This proposal disregards the need to balance development with environmental conservation, infrastructure planning, and community well-being. I urge the council to reject this plan and prioritize sustainable, community-centered development practices that respect our environment and resources.

Sincerely,
James M Findlay III