

PLANNING REF : 242484
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 1 Hyde End Road
: Shinfield, Berkshire
: RG2 9EP
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Dave Purton
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COMMENTS:

Where to start with this most ridiculous application!

Anyone with even the slightest amount of local knowledge knows this field regularly floods, in fact it has standing water in it at this very moment. The groundwater level is very high in this area, for at least half the year you cannot walk to the bottom of the adjoining gardens in Oatlands Road without sinking to your ankles.

The main drain for the village, that runs through this field to the pumping station, already can't cope with the extra volume created by the excessive amount of development that has already been forced into the area (at 3 times the national average) and regularly blows the manhole and discharges sewage into the field and gardens of Oatlands road. and according to your planning layout map, you want to put that into someone's garden/ under a house? The pumping station itself cannot cope and has a regular stream of pumping trucks there to relieve the pressure (3 at one time yesterday lunchtime)

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.

I assume this application is linked to the proposed eviction of the residents of Parrot farm care home, who were told they will have a home for life!

A better use for this field, if it cannot remain farmland would be as a SANG with a lot of tree planting to soak up the flooding, which will only get worse if 3500 houses at Hall farm is granted, which is just the other side of the river. That way the Shinfield relief road can be extending (though the existing SANG) to High Copse to relieve congestion from Hollow Lane and School Green, making it safer for the infant school, creating a much more suitable entrance to the primary school in Chestnut Crescent and the recreation ground. This will become even more needed once the inevitable redevelopment of the Dobbies site happens.

Finally, please remember there are other places in Wokingham district to build, it doesn't all have to be in Shinfield and Arborfield! or will you only be happy once you have destroyed those villages?