



Aldingbourne Parish Comments (Consultation Response)



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Good evening Mr Davis

I'm logging my authorities objection to the above proposed development via email just to double check that you've received it ok.

I have also submitted it via the portal, reference OWPC27155 - however the comment wasn't readable after I had pressed the submission button, hence me also sending this email to ensure my authorities comments reach you safely.

I'd be grateful if you could confirm safe receipt at your earliest convenience.

Helpful I trust. Kind regards. Lindy Nash:

Aldingbourne Parish Council continues to object to the proposals for developing land at Springfield in Hook Lane (as we did for Application AL/51/19/PL) for the following reasons:

This development proposal remains:

- To the west of the village in an area where APC's Neighbourhood Strategy is to defend development as far as possible
- In an area believed to be subject to flooding (as evidenced through issues previously experienced with the nearby Barratt Homes development)
- Not supported by sufficient investment in road and 'service' provision infrastructure
- Not currently supported by an adequate ecological survey
- Not supported by adequate explanation of lighting proposals (which the APC would insist comply with its Dark Skies policy).

Additionally, this revised application represents:

- A further overdevelopment of the site where, though housing numbers have been slightly reduced, properties are larger than previously proposed with parking now even more restricted
- A threat to the ecology of the area due to a) the proposed level of tree felling to facilitate this development and b) only phase one of the ecological study appearing to have been completed, with the recommendations within that study having not been taken forward - consequently there is no effective ecological study of the impact of this development, the site for which lies within 12km of the Cocking Tunnel SPA, a European designated site because of its importance to bats. The Parish Council have also noted that the developers are already seeking to damage the site's wildlife in advance of this application.
- A further increase in traffic to a quiet, country lane which is not fit to support increased vehicle usage (and has already been stretched beyond its limits by the previously agreed Barratt and Metis Homes developments)
- A breach to this Authorities H1 Quality of Design policy.

In light of the above, and also noting that no arboricultural impact assessment appears to have been carried out, APC must stress once again that they believe they have already delivered in excess of the 70+ houses required under the most recent housing delivery target for this area, they therefore strongly object to this revised application.

Finally, please note that this Authority retains the right to submit additional evidence in support of its objections should further issues come to light prior to a decision being made on this significant planning proposal within our Parish.

