



Mr Nick Chancellor
Snr Planning Officer
Planning Department
Wokingham Borough Council
Civic Offices,
Shute End,
Wokingham RG40 1BN

November 11th 2020

Dear Nick

Application 202133 land east of Gorse Ride South, south of Whittle Close & to the north & south of Billing Ave & Firs Close.

Finchampstead Parish Council made significant comments about this application in our letter dated 20th September 2020. We have had no indication anything is going to be addressed, therefore our previous comments still stand.

Finchampstead Parish council supports the regeneration of the Gorse Ride Estate, however we have concerns in the following areas;

- Although the idea of the pond is pleasing, we are concerned about the potential for misuse of the facility and have some concerns around safety.
- We are concerned about the overlooking and loss of privacy at the Vicarage and at St Mary & St John Parish Centre given its prominent role in the community which will continue after the redevelopment. WBC might like to consider swapping the houses currently in the plan to be built next to the centre, with bungalows.
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Yours sincerely

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