

PLANNING REF : 211081  
PROPERTY ADDRESS : FBC Centre  
: Gorse Ride, Finchampstead, Wokingham  
: RG40 4ES  
SUBMITTED BY : Finchampstead Parish Council  
DATE SUBMITTED : 06/05/2021

COMMENTS:

The Council In principle support this application, especially as the Rights of Way are to be improved. We also support the decision to reduce the lifespan of the project from 40 to 25years, which will delay housing development in this area.

However, there are some elements that we do not support. We cannot understand why some elements of the wildlife habitat report was redacted. Why was this?

Our main concern is the screening and boundary on the south east corner where it backs onto California Country Park. The original plans did not have this approximately square block which has been added to the current plans. We would prefer instead to see the boundary coming south from Model Farm extended straight down until it reaches the southern boundary of the projected site. This with additional screening on the California Way greenway would serve to maintain the ruralwoodland nature of the country park.

As WBC owns the land, could an offroad pedestrian/cycling route be created, adjacent to the south side of Barkham Ride but appropriately distanced from the road itself. This would create a safe walking/cycling route parallel to Barkham Ride and it would not need to disrupt traffic flow during construction, as it is wholly off the carriageway. It would also move the unattractive solar panels maybe 510m further away from the road so potentially less visible/intrusive.

If incorporated it helps WBC, FBC and BPC meet their collective wish to encourage alternative safe non-car transport and to provide a meaningful community benefit to partially compensate for the loss of green fields

PLANNING REF : 211081  
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Town Hall Market Place  
: Wokingham  
: RG40 1AS  
SUBMITTED BY : The Wokingham Town Council P&T Committee  
DATE SUBMITTED : 15/04/2021

COMMENTS:

The Committee have the following comments.

Could the removal of trees be avoided? This affects the visual amenity and could an alternative to removal be considered.