

Ms. Marcia Head
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9th March 2022

Dear Ms. Head,

Re: Planning Application for and East of Lodge Road (220458)

I have raised my objections to the large-scale development of Hurst Village on previous occasions and I wish to make them known again.

I am concerned that the current development plans will have a disproportionate impact on the village and its residents. The current proposals would see 200 more homes in a village of roughly two-thousand people, which would lead to a dramatic increase in population.

While I recognise the need to see more homes being built, I am concerned by the impact that this significant development would have on the village. The impacts of large developments on small communities need to be reviewed closely and any development should enhance the existing community. Hurst is an inappropriate place for a suburban estate in countryside that is home to wild buzzards and kites.

I am also concerned about the potential for flooding in the village. The proposed site often floods and the surface water after torrential rain is significant. This flooding could spread to neighbouring properties in the village and cause serious damage.

Hurst is small village with limited facilities for new residents and people would need to travel to Twyford for food shopping, the chemist or the Twyford medical surgery. Anyone living in these properties would most likely require a car as there are limited public transport options available. I am concerned that the number of cars on the road will increase considerably raising safety and environmental concerns. The local narrow roads aren't suitable for such an influx in traffic especially during peak times.

Local surgeries and schools are already under pressure due to the volume of people they are responsible for, and an increase of two-hundred homes would increase stretch these services still further.

There is very little support for the development locally and I hope the Council will give appropriate weight to the feedback from Hurst's residents and Hurst Village Society.

Thank you for your attention in this matter and I hope these concerns are taken onboard.

Yours sincerely,

Rt Hon Theresa May MP
Member of Parliament for Maidenhead