



1st June 2022

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For the attention of the Case Officer; Application No. 220458 Land East of Lodge Road, Hurst RG10 0EG

cc. Mark.Croucher@wokingham.gov.uk

Dear Sir/Madam,

Please can you explain to Hurst Village Society, as a matter of urgency as to why a second public consultation period running from 23rd May 2022 until 15th June 2022 has opened in respect of the above outline planning application. The description as to the details of the application appear to be exactly the same (eg no material changes) and indeed the submission date and validation date of 15th February 2022 and 24th February 2022 are exactly the same as the application that was the subject of an extended public consultation earlier this year.

The Society is extremely concerned and somewhat bewildered as to why a second consultation period has opened at this time on such a major application, and would appreciate any guidance you may be able to give as to where the planning process allows for such a procedure, and even if it does would it not have been correct to inform those individuals or groups, including statutory consultees that they have a further opportunity to comment on this application.

The Society is aware that there appears to have been a further submission from the applicant in relation to drainage matters (but not highlighted as a material change to the application) which has been the subject of correspondence within Wokingham Borough Council, and as such the Planning Authority has quite rightly consulted on these with the relevant statutory consultee, and that the second consultation period referred to above may have been to facilitate this discussion, but clearly this has

perhaps inadvertently attracted comments on other more general aspects of the application from the wider Wokingham community . The Society would be keen to know if these and any other similar comments that may be received before the 15th June 2022 will be allowed as valid comments and therefore taken into account as part of what must be by now your ongoing consideration of this planning application.

Because of the timescales referred to above your comments as to the matters highlighted in this letter would be appreciated as quickly as possible.

Yours faithfully,

John Osborne, on behalf of Hurst Village Society