

## WRITTEN SUBMISSION

WESTERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE 25 NOVEMBER 2020

**20/00604/FULEXT| Coley Farm Stoney Lane Ashmore Green Thatcham  
RG18 9HG**

I wish to **object** to the above application and the following is a summary of my objection:

Building on this green field open countryside will negatively and irreparably change the character of the area. It will turn a peaceful field full of nature into an urban landscape of high density housing.

The development proposes destruction of mature trees and hedgerows. Even if replaced as part of the site landscaping it will take many years for that vegetation to reach the level of maturity the landscape currently enjoys. This will have an adverse impact on wildlife in the area in the short to medium term.

Despite the proposed area of widening, Stoney Lane heading north quickly becomes a single track with blind bends. It is a rural road which I walk or cycle almost every day. Additional traffic in either direction north of the proposed area of widening is a safety risk for all road users and particularly pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders.

Waller Drive will become even more of a 'rat run' particularly at rush hour when there are also children heading to school on foot or by cycle. There is already dangerous and excessive speeding taking place on Waller Drive at all times of day (presumably partly because they can avoid the speed humps on Kiln Road) and I can see no plans to manage the impact of this development on Waller Drive.

It is already difficult trying to join Kiln Road by car from Stoney Lane at rush hour. The traffic from an additional 75 dwellings off Stoney Lane will make this much worse.

Manor Park has suffered flooding in the past. The topography of the site suggests that building on Coley Farm will cause water run-off into parts of Manor Park. It would be irresponsible to add to the risk of flooding in this residential area.