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Subject: Objection to proposals to develop housing on Pincents Hill/Lane
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To West Berks Planning Policy Office,

I am writing to object to proposals to develop housing on Pincents Hill woodland site south west of my neighbourhood of Tilehurst. This proposal also known as land at Pincents Lane.

Over the years housing proposals have been raised, modified, resurrected for this land. They have all been rejected for good reasons such as vehicular access in the vicinity of Ikea and Sainsburys, Fire Service objections, flooding implications, over-stretched social infrastructure in the wider neighbourhood including welfare and education, the list goes on and have been described in detail by others. In the light of a history of rejections, is the The Pincents Hill housing proposal impacts negatively on all those reasons for living in Tilehurst and Calcot.

As a parent [REDACTED] green spaces are vitally important for the mental health of our family and as such, the loss of Pincents to development would adversely affect the mental health of both the able and disabled members of the community; who seek calming natural environments to restore mental health.

Furthermore, as someone who enjoys the remaining strips of woodland that skirt west Reading and west Berkshire, I notice there is a corridor of established flora and fauna that contributes to our natural environment, or what's left of it. The housing development proposal would cut off this ring of nature which includes a water source, a stream, on the east side of the land. To the west of Sulham Woods is a SSSI, not adjacent to Pincents but nevertheless part of the valuable and vital ecosystem of the area. Any development on this land or indeed, the extension of the Tilehurst boundary, in my view should be considered criminal and ill conceived.

West Berkshire's priority in planning for housing, especially affordable and social housing for its residents, should be to develop land that is designated either brown or grey. Pincents Hill is a re-wilded natural resource and contains some fabulous examples of Oak that must have been there in excess of 100 years. None of this should be lost, none of it should be taken away from nature. We need green spaces like this, especially for urban and suburban populations who appreciate the beauty of diversity in our environment.

I trust that this missive will be added to the necessary objections count.

Kind Regards,
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