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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2026/0356

Address of Development: Hammond Ground, Read

Comments: am writing to raise new and additional objections to the Planning Application Reference 3/2026/0356 for housing on Hammond Ground.

My objection relates to the fact that a pair of Buzzards have, this year, started nesting in a tree in the middle of Hammond Ground (location details below). They appear to have chicks although we can't tell how many. We first noticed the Buzzards in June of this year. The adults were flying in and out of the tree. More recently and probably for at least six weeks we have heard chicks calling from the trees - presumably calling for food. We can hear them calling every time we are in the garden. We have used the Merlin app to confirm the bird calls are from Buzzards.

The Buzzards appear to be in a tree directly [REDACTED] and in one of the largest trees in the middle of Hammond Ground. Looking at the Applicants document "General Arrangements" I would identify the tree as "20T" from their plan. This is one of the trees that will be surrounded on three sides by the proposed development.

My understanding is that Buzzards are a protected species under provisions of the Countryside and Wildlife Act 1981. Given this status I think it is a material fact for consideration by RVBC in the determination of the Planning Application. As far as I am aware this issue has not been considered by the applicants.

I would suggest that RVBC require the applicants to provide appropriate professional advice and that RVBC use either their own or external professional expertise to fully evaluate the advice.

The use of these tree by Buzzards gives more evidence of the need to protect this agricultural Parkland area.