

# Hurst Village Society

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For the attention of the Case Officer – Development Control, Wokingham Borough Council

**RE: Application 211368; Grange Farm, Land Adjacent to Islandstone Lane, Hurst RG10 0RT**

Whilst, when we first became aware of this application, Hurst Village Society (HVS) felt there was no reason to forward any comments to you, we are concerned to learn that work on this site has commenced before formal approval to the plans has been issued by yourselves as the Planning Authority. This apparent total disregard for the planning process is made worse by the fact that the works relate to the installation of a cess pool or septic tank, works which were not included on the original application and surely if they had, you would, with the assistance of The Environment Agency, have needed to separately assess and approve the necessary sewage/drainage works to ensure there was no adverse effect on adjoining land or watercourses and the proposals were fit for purpose, again prior to you giving approval for this specific aspect of the development. Thirdly it appears that again without any prior consent the discharge has been made directly into a watercourse on adjoining land which is in separate private ownership.

HVS is always anxious to promote the transparency and effectiveness of the planning process, particularly in the local area, and to be able to show how quickly and positively the Local Planning Authority act when made aware of any transgressions by developers that may adversely affect neighbouring residents or the local community and, that if left unresolved, would potentially bring the planning process into disrepute.

ssWe fully support the comments that you have already received from individual residents of Bonhomie Court and we understand from them that Councillor Wayne Smith has already brought the matter to the attention of your Enforcement Team and we like them are grateful for his prompt intervention.

Hurst Village Society hopes that these comments are helpful to you and we would appreciate hearing from you as to any action taken.

Yours faithfully,

John Osborne on behalf of Hurst Village Society