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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.

Over the years housing proposals have been raised, modified, resurrected for this land. They have all been rejected for good reasons such as vehicle access in the vicinity of Ikea and Sainsburys, Fire Service objections, over-stretched social infrastructure in the wider neighbourhood including welfare and education, the list goes on and have been described in detail by others.

The Pincents Hill housing proposal impacts negatively on all those reasons for living in Tilehurst and Calcot.

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 whats 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 ecosystem of the area.

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 mature 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.

Kind regards,

Clayton Billington