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Application to build on green belt land at Burhill Kennels, Turners Lane, Hersham KT12 4AW **IS THIS OFTEN WATER-LOGGED SITE A GOOD PLACE TO BUILD HOMES?**

Elmbridge Borough Council planning reference 2026/1902 for 82 housing units has now been submitted.

Once our natural green belt has been allowed for housing, it can never be replaced. In addition, this land is part of the River Mole catchment basin. **But more importantly,** it already suffers from surface water flooding for many months every year.

If you agree that this area is unsuitable for new housing, it is vital that your objection is received by EBC **as soon as possible**. Any objection to any previous application, no matter how recent, will not count. You **must** specifically object to this planning application 2026/1902, with a guideline deadline of 16 October 2026

You may object in one of 3 ways, always quoting reference "2026/1902":

- On-line by logging onto the EBC planning portal
- Email tplan@elmbridge.gov.uk
- Write to Planning Department, Elmbridge Borough Council, Civic Offices, High Street, Esher, KT10 9SD.

Use your own words. Generic or petition style objections are not appropriate. Be honest, heartfelt and passionate. It is best to stick with genuine planning issues, e.g.:

Land is designated Green Belt. Houses on this site will be visually intrusive as a finger of development into the surrounding Green Belt which is open to the west, south and east. *You know this land. It is precious to Hersham, not to the developer.*

Access road is a narrow country lane. This road is too narrow even for cars to pass easily and has a deep ditch to one side. It is not suitable for the increased commercial vehicles required for housing estates. The access road is even narrower than is the requirement for roads within the housing site itself.

Surface water drainage. Every year parts of the site are under water, often for lengthy periods of time. The water table is such that development cannot sustain the infrastructure required to deal with surface water, which will also have a direct detrimental effect on adjoining land, which also floods every year. Existing drains will not cope.

Site is locationally unsustainable. It is further from local facilities and amenities, schools, railway stations than official guidelines recommend for new developments. One daytime bus per hour does not satisfy rules for inclusive non-car travel as is required.

Loss of employment and volunteering opportunities. Contrary to the submitted statements, there will be a loss of many jobs, as well as numerous volunteering and therapy opportunities.

**PLEASE MAKE YOUR FEELINGS KNOWN.
MENTION ANYTHING YOU FEEL IS RELEVANT.**

The above issues are even more relevant bearing in mind the application on adjoining land for a further 62 residential units. A total of 150 units in this location is **entirely inappropriate** without proper infrastructure.

NOW IS THE TIME TO OBJECT

Finally, we need your help. Professional advice is expensive but vital and we need to raise money. A GoFundMe site has been set up. Please log on to: www.gofundme.com/f/help-us-protect-hershams-green-belt

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