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Finchampstead Neighbourhood Development Plan and Rooks Nest Farm

Wokingham Borough Council (WBC) have now opened their latest consultation on their Local Plan Update (LPU) which sets out their proposal for development across the borough through until 2038.

Those proposals include a significant housing development of 270 houses on Rooks Nest Farm, off Barkham Ride and adjacent to the bridlepath to California Country Park.

This is in addition to the proposal for some 70 houses on the land at 31-33 Barkham Ride, adjacent to Rooks Nest Country Park and on the opposite side of the road to Rooks Nest Farm.

The latter site (31- 33 Barkham Ride) was included in the ongoing consultation on the Finchampstead Neighbourhood Development Plan as part of the reluctant acceptance by the FNDP team of the need to accommodate some extra housing in the parish.

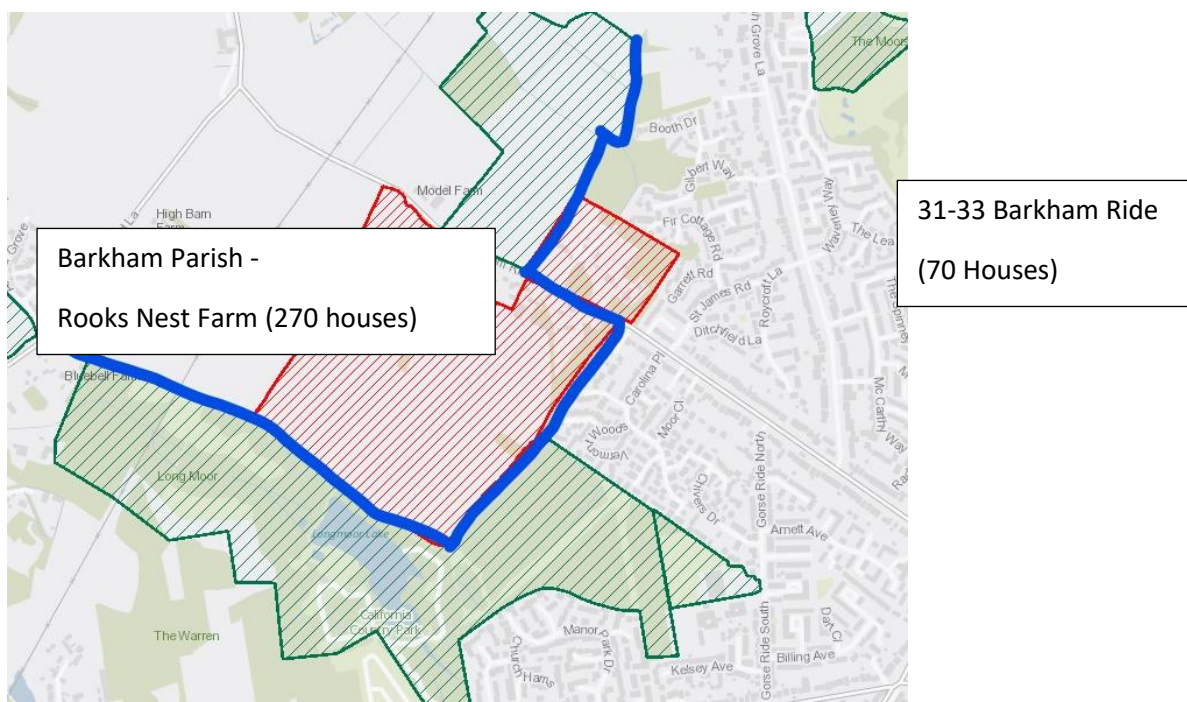
The much larger development at Rooks Nest Farm was not included in the consultation on the FNDP because it is actually in the parish of Barkham – the parish boundaries go down the middle of Barkham Ride at this point. The boundary is shown by the blue line on the map below, with the red area showing the proposed housing developments.

The FNDP team would also like it to be clear that they were unaware of the plans to develop Rooks Nest Farm and its impact on the scale of development on the parish as a whole, regardless of local boundaries.

If you would like more details on the development at Rooks Nest and want to have your say on it, please participate in the consultation by WBC at:

<https://engage.wokingham.gov.uk/en-GB/projects/right-homes-right-places-local-plan>

The place for feedback on the proposals for Rooks Nest Farm are in section 11.



Finchampstead Parish and the FNDP area is below and to the right of the blue line