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Comment: The building purchased was only 2 storey graduating to 3 storey at one end. I have attended the Presentations by Berkley Homes and have objected to the high rise flats that they intend to build. 208 flats in that small area of land would appear to be overdevelopment of the site. The houses in Lynmouth Road are only two storey and will be overlooked and their light will be severely restricted by the height of the intended construction.
We have the Environment Agency reviewing flood risks and intending to be putting physical barriers along the Thames Path to reduce the risk of flooding in Reading. Surely all the high rise developments potentially being built along Vastern Road will increase the water table in the area. The ex-Coopers site with its high rise development plus the possibility of more high rise on the ex Royal Mail building and the Station Development not to mention the Drews plans are changing the whole character of this area of Reading. There is a river running under Vastern Road and the huge buildings intended will undoubtedly make a difference to the water table in the area. We have been told that the Royal Mail was often having to replace their flooring in the building because of water rising. Indeed until the new Reading station was developed the Reading Borough Council considered the whole area along the Caversham Road to the Railway Bridge as a flood risk area.
Builders are only interested in profit. The wellbeing of current homeowners should also be considered in this Application as their lives will be affected by the current plans for this development.
The character of the area will be completely changed with the current shops being closed and replaced with either offices or a small retail unit. Our Council is trying to prohibit car journeys in Reading to improve air quality but we will be forced on the road because we have no local shops of consequence. Trees planned for the site will not screen the unsightly electrical substation on the site and we are unsure still of the health problems connected with living by electrical and magnetic machinery.