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Ref: Great Lakes UK Ltd – Planning Application No: 19/02550/F

Dear Ms Whitehead

I must object strongly to this planning application. The proposal is not at all in accordance with the local development plan and I do not think that there are any material considerations that would warrant planning permission being granted.

I live for part of the year in San Francisco. However I regularly visit relatives and friends in both Chesterton and little Chesterton. The proposed site (which is on the edge of a very small village) is a massive 500,000 sq. ft of built form on what is currently an ecological green field site. This will irreversibly disrupt ecological habitats. The proposal will also lead to significant and irreversible impact on the landscape and views of the site. In short, this will be a disaster for the locality, not to say the abundant wildlife that will be destroyed.

Another huge issue is the traffic impact. Travel in this area is already very difficult. The existing road infrastructure, and that of surrounding villages, is currently over used, crowded and dangerous. When I hear that there might be an extra 1000+ daily increase in traffic volume, plus construction traffic, I hate to imagine the dreadful impact. A very large new car park is proposed. This would lead to far too much extra traffic – how are the little local roads going to cope? This proposal would also mean more redirected traffic onto the A34, which is already frequently blocked and a big problem. In my view the proposed development is obviously in a very ill-advised place.

Clearly the proposed design is also not in keeping with the local area. Schemes in such a location should be of small scale, having low height detached buildings (like the existing Golf Club), enhancing the character of the local area - as outlined in Cherwell Council's Countryside Design Summary, 2008.

In summary, there are numerous reasons why this planning application is completely contrary to the local development plan. It should be immediately dismissed.

Yours sincerely



Mr Jacob Trefethen