**From:** Peter Robottom   
**Sent:** 12 September 2018 09:31  
**To:** Planning  
**Subject:** Comments on Planning Application 18/01482/F

Dear Sir/Madam,

I hereby submit my comments on the Planning Application No. 18/01482F.

*While I have no real objection to the erection of new houses in Steeple Aston,  I am gravely concerned about the safety of pedestrians needing to leave the proposed development to visit the village school, shop, church, pub etc.*

*My primary concern is that there is no footpath on South Side - nor is there any space in which to lay one.  This is particularly evident at the approach to the Red Lion from the west where:*

         *The houses on the southern side of ‘South Side’ are built so close to the road that there is simply no room for a footpath.*

         *On the northern side of the road, there is not enough free space on the land belonging to the Red Lion Pub to accommodate a footpath*

*As South Side carries a considerable volume of motor traffic, often travelling at inappropriately high speeds, I am gravely concerned that, with considerably more pedestrian traffic than there is now (including children living in the proposed development), that a person will be struck by a motor vehicle.  Such an unfortunate event will inevitably render some party – be it Cherwell District Council, Rectory Homes (the developers) or the driver of the vehicle involved – legally and morally culpable in the event of a person being struck by a motor vehicle.*

*Therefore, unless* ***fully satisfactory*** *facilities to accommodate the increased pedestrian traffic on South Side can be made, I would counsel most vigorously against approval of this development.*

Yours faithfully,

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