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Dear Sirs

Re:: Great Lakes UK Ltd – Application Ref:19/02550/F

I wish to express my strong objection to the above application because the proposed plan is not in accordance with the local development plan.

I would draw your attention to the Cherwell DC's designated Conservation areas in Chesterton and surrounding villages. I remember when Chesterton and Islip were designated as Conservaton Areas in 1995. It has meant that inhabitants living in these areas are so constricted as to any new building or extension they want to make for their properties. It is like living in aspic. Yet just 500 metres up the road – which is really a lane - from the Red Cow pub which is within the Conservation demarcation you are considering an application for a 500 room hotel and leisure park. The proposed design is totally out of sync with a conservation village. It will cover a large green field site and will swallow up half a golf course. What benefit is half a golf course to its members? Moreover there is already one hotel on that site. Do we need two side by side?

Once the business is up and running it will be importing visitors to an insular, cocooned site. They will not bring any economic contribution to the village, most especially as we do not even have a village shop. However the visitors must travel by cars which will swamp our village roads and those of other nearby villages. We have enough air pollution here as things are with the M40 motorway so close. Only a few years ago, before the Bicester ring road, Vende Drive, was built the inhabitants of Chesterton were imprisoned in their homes most weekend days as it was impossible to drive out of their gates due to the traffic jams crawling through the village having been forced to deviate away from the bigger traffic queues waiting to visit Bicester Village.

I implore you please to give consideration to this poor village and allow it some breathing space and air.

Yours faithfully
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Mrs. A. R. Frangopulos.