

Comment for planning application 19/02550/F

Application Number	19/02550/F
Location	Land to the east of M40 and south of A4095 Chesterton Bicester Oxon
Proposal	Redevelopment of part of golf course to provide new leisure resort (sui generis) incorporating waterpark, family entertainment centre, hotel, conferencing facilities and restaurants with associated access, parking and landscaping
Case Officer	Clare Whitehead
Organisation Name	Aaron Rudman-Hawkins
Address	13 Geminus Road, Chesterton, Bicester, OX26 1BJ
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>In addition to my wife's application, I too am writing to strongly object to the proposal to alter a large proportion of the Bicester Golf & Spa golf course into a Great Wolf Resorts attraction. I've been to see the plans, and I think it looks a ghastly, unsightly and vast structure, it's not needed in the local area, and will have a huge environmental and traffic impact on our beautiful village. I firstly do not understand the location, why are large unused areas of land, or somewhere near a bigger city not being looked at? This is a small rural village and it will by no means benefit the local area as rooms will only be available to guests, it will not benefit local businesses and I believe will have a serious effect on the local town area, which is already under threat from bigger businesses coming in. We have a beautiful golf course with stunning views that is under threat, what happens to those members as they are not going to want to use a 9 hole golf course? It will mean they have to use alternative & increase car usage to travel to another course. Our village cannot cope with the extra traffic that this site will bring, and nor can the neighbouring villages who will all be affected. No amount of signage will stop people using their sat-nav and taking the quickest route down The Hale, Little Chesterton and through our village. We already struggle with traffic from the A34 & M40 with people looking for a quick route. How can this kind of development even be considered in such a location, this is a quiet village in the UK not America. This location cannot be compared to anywhere in the USA. How could we cope with the increase in noise, traffic, pollution, and the effect it will have on the wildlife that will live around the golf course? Not to mention the design both inside and out, which is an awful, trashy, American theme park that is out of character with the local area, and will clearly affect the Bicester Golf and Spa of which I am a member. Having all amenities on site will no way boost the local economy, as no one will leave the resort. In the same way when you go to Centre Parcs you do and buy everything on site. And customers going to Bicester Village are not a captive audience, as they are not here for a family weekend of activities, they are there to shop! So most visitors will be travelling to the area, bringing increased traffic, pollution and noise. I doubt that many locals would want to visit such a place, I know I certainly wouldn't even for the day. A site like this should be on empty land near a bigger city, in a place that has no soul or character, with plenty of space so you can create whatever you want. No amount of trees, low level buildings and traffic management will make something like this, in this area acceptable. I strongly object to this application as it is not in accordance with the local development plans, and there appear to be no material considerations that warrant planning permission being granted.</p>
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