Comment for planning application 23/02471/F

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Location

OS Parcel 0622 South Of Jersey Cottages And East Of Heyford Road Kirtlington

Proposal

Erection of 14 two storey dwellings and upgrading of existing access onto the Heyford Road, together with garaging and parking, footpath link, the removal and re-instatement of a section of existing wall and its repair along the Heyford Road frontage, and landscaping and all enabling development

Case Officer

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

Traffic in Kirtlington has been increasing year on year with the ever increasing number of housing and other developments in the local area (eq Heyford, Bicester, HS2), and yet more and more are planned (eg more housing in Woodstock, Eynsham, immanent 'Triangle' development for Oxford Utd in Kidlington), the list is too long. Yet nothing, and I mean absolutely nothing in my view is being done to tackle the increasing transport problem in North Oxfordshire. The M40 and A34 are totally inadequate for the number of vehicles, so minor roads are constantly used as rat runs. During rush hour or if there is an incident on the A34/M40, frequently the villages in the surrounding area (including Kirtlington) become gridlock. This is an utter detriment to the quality of life of residents. To add to this, bus services have been cut, and would have been cancelled if not for active and passionate local residents.

At times I feel like Kirtlington has the traffic of a city, but none of the advantages that come with a city, for example shops, doctors. The only service the village has is 1 pub. The Co-op lorries are happy to use our village as a bypass to deliver to other local shops, the main bus services from Bicester/Oxford/Cambridge are happy to use our village as a through road when they choose if the A34 has problems. But there is no shop, and these buses do not stop and serve our village. I feel as though the village is becoming a victim of developments in other areas and the traffic problem being totally ignored.

So, the proposed development of these 14 houses. Can we just acknowledge that the only reason this application exists is for profit from the developer/land owner? There is no interest in adding any value to the village (perhaps propose some shops, or ways to reduce traffic when they apply next time). In no way does this development add value to the village. It will only increase traffic. There are ample housing developments in the north area of the parish in Heyford, which do have facilities (eg shops).

In my view no more housing should be built in Kirtlington until measures are put in place to reduce through traffic first. For example, banning HGVs, more chicanes, a bypass, perhaps an LTN at one end of the village to prevent through traffic?

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