Comment for planning application 23/00977/OUT

Application Number 23/00977/OUT

Location

OS Parcel 9195 North Of Claydon Road Cropredy

Proposal

Outline Planning Application (except for access) for residential development of up to 60 dwellings (Use Class C3) including a community facility, new vehicular and pedestrian access off Claydon Road, public open space and associated landscaping, earthworks, parking, engineering works and infrastructure

Case Officer

Katherine Daniels

Organisation

Name

Andrew Proctor

Address

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

I write to you to raise my objection regarding this planning application for this proposed development by Obsidian

- The proposed application of up to 60 new houses will increase the size of the village by up to 30% in one go. The local amenities will be unable to cope with this sudden increase; the infrastructure, doctors, primary school, etc.
- There will be a significant increase in traffic within the village, close to 120 additional cars if this proposed application is successful. The local roads are not capable of coping with this increase, Station Road is already at breaking point on a weekday morning with school traffic, and many mornings and afternoon it becomes gridlocked. Obsidian also mentioned that the local bus service runs on a daily/hourly basis, a misrepresentation of theirs as this is not the case. The village is serviced only once a day on a Thursday & Saturday. As mentioned above, this would far from help with traffic congestion.
- There would be a considerable loss of wildlife. Currently you can see bats, barn owls, lesser spotted and green woodpeckers, lapwings, buzzards, red kites, curlew and herons on a regular basis. This would be a huge loss.
- Cherwell District Council have recently announced that they have in excess of 5 years housing supply. Cropredy is categorised as a Service Village. As such, only minor developments or conversions can be considered and only as infill. In my view, this proposed development is far from minor; it is not infill and actually sits outside the village boundary.
- The proposed development will be isolated from the existing village. It is a good 15 minute walk to the primary school; as a result, many residents will drive, adding to the congestion on Station Road both morning and afternoon. There is a plan for a new play area for children, however, we already have a lovely park with excellent facilities and I don't envisage any of the children within the existing village using this new amenity within the proposed development.
- A new Doctors/Surgery/Village Hall has been added to the application as what feels like a blatant sweetener. Contrary to Obsidian's proposal, at no point has Cropredy Surgery agreed to requiring a new surgery - another misrepresentation of the truth. Furthermore, any residents attending this new amenity invariably will drive rather than walking due to it being outside the village. This again adding to the congestion on the small village road and which is hazardous and unsustainable.
- Obsidian have stated that all local amenities are within 5 minutes walking distance. Church, Pub and shop. I don't see how this is possible and can only assume they have used distance as the crow flies rather than the actual walk required.
- Within the initial consultation we were asked for any feedback. I requested for a larger buffer zone than the 10 metres that was being shown for the adjoining properties. It appears this has been completely ignored.

9. Finally I would like to point out the numerous lies already told by Obsidian in these early stages. Within the original planning application, they advised that the Parish Council are in support of this development and also that the surgery are in support. The surgery in turn having to put a statement out that this is completely untrue. This was removed from the original document, although the date was not amended to the document. It more than worries me of what other lies have been told and what lies are to come.

I urge you to reject this application on behalf of myself and other villagers, it isn't something that is sustainable. Cropredy is a beautiful, friendly, quiet village to live in. I would hate to see this change for the worse.

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