

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	Chris van der Gast
Address	8 Kyetts Corner,Cropredy,Banbury,OX17 1JW
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Obsidian are not the developers. They are acting as agents for the landowner. Therefore this outline application is just that, an outline that will be subject to change if planning is granted and an actual developer is found to buy the site. Any promise of affordable housing, playgrounds, etc., should be taken with a large pinch of salt. This would follow other similar developments that comprised almost exclusively of much more profitable executive homes.</p> <p>Obsidian have been at best loose with facts and truth throughout. Contrary to their claims, they do not have the support of Cropredy Parish Council, Cropredy Surgery, or the residents of the village more broadly. The surgery have been particularly vocal on this matter.</p> <p>The proposal is outside of the village boundary. If built, it would always be a development separate to the village, with no integration, only accessible via the Claydon Road.</p> <p>Utility infrastructure within the village is already stretched beyond capacity, including sewerage and water supply. On the latter, Thames Water and their contractors have over the last two years been increasingly called out to dig up and repair burst water mains throughout the village as a result. In fact, Thames Water have objected based on this as water pressure will be an issue in their expert view.</p> <p>Cropredy, as a Category A village, should only be considered for minor development, infill, and conversions to existing structures. As mentioned, it lacks infrastructure to absorb a development of this size that will likely grow with time. For example, the surgery is already at capacity, there would be a significant increase in traffic through the village and through surrounding villages (Great Bourton and Williamsclott). On the latter, this would increase risk of road traffic collisions at peak times, e.g. at start and end of the school day for Cropredy Primary School.</p> <p>The development would represent a significant loss of village character and local habitat. For residents whose homes backs onto the fields where this development would be built will impact the landscape and views. I am of the strong opinion this would be detrimental to quality of life of those residents and to the village as a whole.</p>
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