

Comment for planning application 23/02523/F

Application Number	23/02523/F
Location	Kirtlington Village Hall South Green Kirtlington OX5 3HJ
Proposal	Erection of single storey detached community shop and cafe
Case Officer	Clancy Sloan
Organisation Name	Christian Rhodes
Address	17 Park Close, Kirtlington, Kidlington, OX5 3HR
Type of Comment	Support
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I would like to offer my full support to this planning application with the following comments.</p> <p>Regarding the question of viability and sustainability, the commercial failure and subsequent closure of the previous village shop in Kirtlington was in part due to the approval by CDC of the Co-op in Bletchington and Sainsburys in Upper Heyford. If CDC wish to question the ability of local independent shops/community shops to succeed it should do more to offer them support by refusing planning applications from large national retailers that pose a direct threat to the financial success of local independent businesses.</p> <p>The proposed community shop is aiming to offer high quality produce from local suppliers including organic produce from local farmers, some less than five miles from Kirtlington. Something that would distinguish the shop from the majority of processed junk food, sold at both Co-op and Sainsbury's.</p> <p>There are currently two planning applications proposing almost 30 new homes within Kirtlington. Given the incessant drive against cars at a national and local level with blanket 20mph speed limits, LTNs, ULEZ and other draconian measures, it would make sense for CDC to encourage and support this application if it wanted people to make fewer short journeys.</p> <p>With reference to the undesirable use of timber cladding and the comments by CDC, there seems to be a random approach to the approval of this type of cladding within the district and seems more of a personal dislike than a justified approach to the use of a sustainable material more than suitable for rural and semi-rural settings.</p> <p>It is inconsistent to question the use of timber cladding on this application given the recent approval by CDC on North Green, Kirtlington (23/00838/F) and the approval of the wood clad cabins known as The Mirror Houses, within the setting of Kirtlington Park Polo Club.</p>
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