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Ms Clare Whitehead

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Ref: Great Lakes UK Ltd – Application Ref: 19/02550/F

Dear Ms Whitehead,

I am writing to you to passionately object to this application for a large-scale water theme park in the small, rural village of Chesterton. There is absolutely no need for such a development in this location, nor is it in line with the local development plan.

This is currently a beautiful greenfield site providing locals with a healthy sporting facility, which will be lost to a vast, inappropriately sized concreted area with large, unsympathetic buildings for a small village. The *900-space car park* indicates the anticipated huge volume of extra traffic that will be travelling to and from the site, bringing with it a substantial increase in noise pollution, not to mention a decrease in air quality and potentially adding to the associated health issues currently being identified nationally.

This will be a private resort attracting a proposed *half a million visitors, and their vehicles*, annually into an area already suffering from severe traffic congestion issues on the M40, A34, A41, A4095 and B430. The infrastructure of the area will simply not be able to sustain this proposed development, to the detriment of thousands of local residents and businesses. The Conference facilities will also attract an unknown but substantial extra number of car movements and resulting congestion and pollution.

Economically, the development will provide very little benefit to the local area, which already has very low unemployment. Its requirement to employ 600 lower skilled staff will either attract employees away from existing local businesses (already struggling to find staff) or necessitate distanced new employees travelling into the site, thereby increasing car journeys further; again, increasing the levels of traffic and pollution as there is no provision for staff accommodation on site. These low-skilled employment opportunities are also contrary to Cherwell's strategic aim of prioritising knowledge-based investment as a priority.

As the majority of guests are encouraged to stay and spend their money on site, there will be negligible economic benefit to the local hospitality industry.

To conclude, I would like to reiterate that I strongly object to this unwanted and unneeded proposal, completely out of keeping with its rural location, and to the detriment of the local businesses and residents and I humbly ask that it be refused.

Yours sincerely,

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