

Ref: Great Lakes UK Ltd- Planning Application No: 19/02550/F

Thatchover  
Alchester Road  
Chesterton  
Oxon  
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Ms Clare Whitehead,  
Case Officer  
Development Management  
Cherwell District Council  
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Dear Ms Whitehead,

I would like to express my OBJECTION to the above plan being granted planning permission. It is a random development which bears no relationship to the local development plan and does not fulfil any identified need.

My major objection is that this development is in the wrong place. The aim is to locate it in an area with limited access. It would put further strains on an already over stretched road infrastructure. The roads around Chesterton are geared to cope with minor local traffic, not the sort of car numbers that this plan would engender. Both the A34 and M40 regularly experience major congestion, resulting in the roads around and through Chesterton becoming overwhelmed. In addition, it is in direct contravention of both Cherwell council's commitment to reducing car usage and the National Planning policy guidelines, which advocate creating cleaner air, by reducing carbon emissions from cars.

Another significant disadvantage is the loss not only of a greenfield site but also a leisure facility which is well used by the local community. This will create further traffic since locals will have to drive to other areas to find similar facilities. The habitat loss will also create significant damage to the local ecology and the dependent wildlife. The design is inappropriate in its rambling design and would destroy the character and quality of the area and the way it functions.

Finally, I would like to highlight the lack of an available workforce in this area to work at this development. Hospitality businesses in Bicester region are always short of staff, as evidenced by their local advertisements. So if staff cannot be recruited locally, there will be even more cars bringing staff in from other areas. The problems will just escalate.

In conclusion, this is a harebrained scheme which makes no reference to local planning requirements. Were it to go ahead, it would be extremely detrimental to this area's already fragile road infrastructure and to the lives of the local population.

Yours sincerely,



Glynis Weston