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

Dear Sirs,

I am writing to strongly object to the above-mentioned application on the grounds that this proposal is not in accordance with the local development plan.


This development is in an inappropriate location on the edge of a village which is unsustainable as it includes a 900-space car park, which would indicate a large reliance on car travel, with Cherwell's strategy to reduce the use of cars this goes right against it. The existing road infrastructure will not be able to cope with the projected 1000+ daily car movements, Chesterton is already used as a rat run and when major congestion occurs on the M40 and A34 roads it becomes an escape route. All this additional traffic will result in a significant deterioration in air quality and an increase in noise pollution.

The development will comprise of 500,000 square feet of buildings which are not small or in keeping with the local area. It's being built on a greenfield site, removing green space that we will never get back and losing the abundance of wildlife that we have. Open spaces within Cherwell are disappearing quickly and these spaces are important to our community. Losing 9 holes of the Golf course could only be the beginning, what will happen to the rest of the lovely green space that is enjoyed by so many golfers.

Local businesses are already finding it difficult to recruit the employees that Great Wolf will be targeting, this means that they could take employees away from local businesses which will cause a negative economic impact, or they will bring in employment from other areas adding further traffic movements. With most of the visitors remaining on site there will be no (or very little) economic benefit to the area.

For all the above reasons, I strongly request that planning permission is **NOT** granted for this application.

Yours Faithfully


Mrs Helen Hayes