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

I would like to express my strong objection to the proposed development of a water park on the edge of Chesterton village.

The proposed development would not only destroy a valuable natural habitat, it will further compound the chronic traffic problems in the area which have developed through the lack of proper infrastructure to cope with the rapid growth in housing and business in Bicester.

I would like to invite the people considering this application to exit the village and turn right onto Vendee Drive during rush hour which is nearly impossible to do without a substantial wait and is frankly dangerous. The added warehousing development on Middleton Stoney Road which has been approved despite it being in a completely unsuitable position, will only serve to aggravate this, together with the further development of the Kingsmere site.

The amount of people of using the village to avoid congestion on the A34 and junction 9 roundabout, as well as those cutting through Wendlebury already puts a huge strain on local residents. The 3.5 mile journey from Chesterton to junction 9 regularly takes 20 minutes in the morning, and the real impact of extra traffic to this resort (the developer's manipulated statistics lack any credibility), will be a disaster to the local area.

This development will be of no benefit to the local community, will not provide an employment benefit to the area as local businesses are already struggling to fill positions, and the positioning next to a busy motorway with the associated noise and pollution that brings, can hardly be considered as appropriate for a resort which is meant to be catering for young families, especially as the ultimate price will be on the residents of the local villages and the local taxpayers when the business inevitably fails.

Your Faithfully

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