

Comment for planning application 19/02550/F

Application Number	19/02550/F
Location	Land to the east of M40 and south of A4095 Chesterton Bicester Oxon
Proposal	Redevelopment of part of golf course to provide new leisure resort (sui generis) incorporating waterpark, family entertainment centre, hotel, conferencing facilities and restaurants with associated access, parking and landscaping
Case Officer	Clare Whitehead
Organisation Name	
Name	Louise Goodman
Address	Foxtownsend Lodge North, Heyford Road, Kirtlington, Kidlington, OX5 3HS
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I am writing to express my strong objection to proposed private indoor water park planned by Great Wolf Resorts in Chesterton. I am a resident of Kirtlington and I believe, were it to be allowed to proceed, that this development would have a hugely detrimental impact on Chesterton, my village, and the surrounding area. The road through Kirtlington, is currently a rat-run used by traffic trying to avoid the congested A34 and the proposed development would compound an existing problem. The anticipated 500,000 visitors per year will produce a huge increase in traffic which would have a majorly negative impact on the already overloaded road system locally - which is currently in a poor state of repair. There is no provision for accommodation on site for workers so that's an additional number of vehicles that would need to be added to the visitor tally. Overall the increase in traffic is highly likely to give way to a resultant increase in accidents and traffic jams and have a negative effect on the general wellbeing and respiratory health of people living in the area. I would also suggest that the development does not meet current government policy that such developments should be directed to brownfield sites. Nor is it in keeping with the rural landscape: An 80ft high indoor water park and a 4-storey hotel (twice the height of the existing Bicester Golf Hotel) would both be an eyesore. There would also be significant and far-reaching disruption and pollution from 2-year build programme and ongoing noise and light pollution from the development when it became operational. The development provides limited (if any) benefit to the local community. There is already a surfeit of low-paid jobs in the catering/hospitality trade in this area so it won't do anything for employment. If anything, it will take business away from local pubs and restaurants as locals will avoid the area because of traffic issues and park visitors will be encouraged to stay on site and use the facilities there. It is purely a profit-making venture for a US company, Great Wolf Resorts. In so many ways this is the wrong scheme in the wrong place and one which will have horrendous repercussions for not just my village and Chesterton (which will be totally engulfed) but so many villages in the area. I would urge you to do all you can to prevent this development from being allowed to progress - it will have a massively negative impact on the character and way of life of our rural historic area</p>
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