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Ms Clare Whitehead
Case Officer
Development Management
Cherwell District Council
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Bodicote, Banbury OX15 4AA

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

Dear Ms Whitehead,

I write as a resident of Chesterton Village to express my complete opposition to the above proposal which will create intolerable conditions for local residents, have a destructive effect on the local environment and bring benefits to no-one but the company behind the proposal. The planned development is in no way consistent with current Development Plans for the area.

The roads feeding Chesterton are already over a safe capacity. The proposal includes a car park of 900 spaces. An increase in daily traffic of this scale carries the risk of serious accident, a rise in already dangerous pollution levels with consequent impacts on health and disruption of both local and through traffic which will apply not only to the local roads but feed back to the A34 and the M40. We are only too aware of this prospect through the disruption caused by visitors to Bicester Village.

My profession before retirement concerned aspects of environmental and biodiversity conservation. I am not a golfer but I recognize that a golf course is an ecologically friendly form of development for leisure purposes and the scale of the present hotel and leisure centre is entirely consistent with local need. The new development involves a significant reduction in green space in an area already subject to very substantial suburban development. The future of the present much prized resource will also be uncertain resulting in locals having to travel elsewhere.

The proposed development will bring no economic benefits to the area. The staffing profile does not fit with local capacity. Staff will be housed and fed on site and thus contribute little or nothing to the community or local enterprises.

This development is un-necessary, unsuitable to the proposed location, environmentally damaging and totally unwanted by the people of the surrounding villages and Bicester.

Yours faithfully

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