

Cherwell District Council
Planning Department
By email

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Attn of Jeanette Davey

Planning Application 23/02471/F – OS Parcel 0622 South of Jersey Cottages and East of Heyford Road, Kirtlington

Erection of 14 two storey dwellings and upgrading of existing access onto the Heyford Road, together with garaging and parking, footpath link, the removal and re-instatement of a section of existing wall and its repair along the Heyford Road frontage, and landscaping and all enabling development

The above application is within the designated area of the MCNP. We respond in our capacity as a statutory consultee.

Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan Forum wishes to **support** the above application.

While we are aware of the sensitive nature of the site, MCNPF considers the application to be of suitable quality, and that it will make a valuable contribution towards the housing needs of Kirtlington. In our view, the site is one of the only sites in the parish that can successfully accommodate new housing without causing serious harm to the character of the village.

As part of the review of the neighbourhood plan, MCNPF is undertaking assessments of all eligible sites in Kirtlington. The review team's recommendations are that this site is suitable for allocation for housing in the emerging NP review. The housing allocation process is at an interim stage, but the conclusions follow many months of analysis. The Regulation 14 consultation, which will include housing allocation on this site, is due to commence in early January 2024.

It would be inappropriate for Cherwell to refuse this application in the knowledge that the emerging NP Review, in which a site allocation process in Kirtlington to be carried out by MCNP was agreed with Cherwell officers in July 2023, supports development on this site.

Yours sincerely,

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