

Comment for planning application 23/00977/OUT

Application Number	23/00977/OUT
Location	OS Parcel 9195 North Of Claydon Road Cropredy
Proposal	Outline Planning Application (except for access) for residential development of up to 60 dwellings (Use Class C3) including a community facility, new vehicular and pedestrian access off Claydon Road, public open space and associated landscaping, earthworks, parking, engineering works and infrastructure
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Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour

Comments

I strongly object to this planning. The proposed building of housing in a green belt area and so close to my house would be detrimental. The building of an additional 60 houses would cause further chaos to the village- living so close to the primary school is already complicated. The issue with traffic would be solved with public transport links rather than a car park. This is not only more environmentally efficient but promotes children to use the school that is in catchment rather than outside the zone. The current situation of the overcrowded primary school has already raised concerns within the village, as verges and wildlife habitats across the school proximity have been severely damaged as a result of careless parking. This can be avoided by parking further in the village which is no more than a 5 minute walk away. In addition to this, the proposed 60 houses would continue to cause further disruption to the school but also contribute to more carbon emissions, a strain on current infrastructure and amenities within the village. Cropredy is still struggling to cope with developments from surrounding villages and on the outskirts of Banbury. The GP surgery in the village is under immense pressure to meet the needs of current and existing residents of Cropredy. The village simply cannot cope and should not be forced to accommodate. The problem will not be solved with the addition of new houses, the surgery predicted to not catch up for the next 30 years alongside the drained infrastructure such as water and electricity. Cropredy should not have to bear the burden of Oxfordshire's failed task of building new houses and should instead look towards more sustainable options such as the conversion of existing vacant buildings and commercial areas and change the purposes to residential. This would not only place people central to Banbury town but also encourage a rejuvenation to the population of Banbury. Villages like Cropredy, if the horrendous ideas of an addition of 60 houses to be undertaken, will be swallowed into larger residential areas and lose the quintessential countryside charm and community that the county and country so desperately depends on. In addition to the strain on infrastructure in the village, the amount of people set to enter as a result is tested yearly by the Cropredy Fairport Convention. This is a struggle for residents to simply leave their homes and continue daily activities. I for one find the whole affair unpleasant and disruptive but one weekend out of a whole year is acceptable. If planning is to go ahead, the chaos and insufferable volume of people will be some a daily occurrence.

I live very close to where the proposed development is being planned and I would be deeply upset. I have grown up in a quiet and rural area and despite the fact I am only 20 the continued destruction of green belt landscape whether it be HS2 or housing developments has deeply saddened me. It brings me great grief to think about the results of such a careless development in a rural part of Oxfordshire and the ignorance of developers to not recognise the village as a place so close to Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty is criminal. Again in addition to the points already stated, the building of new developments in a place of significant ecological preservation would result in Cropredy mimicking villages such as Bodicote, as they are amalgamated into town environments and could easily be the end of structured village locations around Banbury. Residents live in the village because they crave the quiet and idyllic country lifestyle but also to purposely exclude themselves from suburbia and highly populated environments. To ignore resident's wishes of keeping Cropredy rural and ecologically preserved would be a violation of respect and consideration. Additionally, the location of proposed planning would have negative effects on the variety of wildlife that inhabit these areas, crested and spotted newts choosing the village as a safe haven in adjoining fields and streams. To allow the building of 60 houses and adjoining amenities is inconsiderate and frankly environmentally suicidal. We cannot keep losing the county's open

green belt spaces and scenery that is so much enjoyed to capitalist developments and it must be respected that village living is a dying concept, one that very little individuals will ever grow to understand. The community in Cropredy is fantastic and I would like it to stay that way. I am ever thankful after coming home from university that I live in a quiet place, undisturbed and rural. The quietness and tranquility of Cropredy is still very urban in comparison to many surrounding villages but I am thankful that I live in an area that I can hear birdsong and watch wildlife from my bedroom window. To lose this would be a great tragedy and I can see myself moving out of the village as developments like this are spoiling rural lifestyle. The proximity of the school is already difficult, the school over subscribed from Banbury rather than other villages like Wardington, Williamsot, Warmington, Mollington or the Bourtons. The primary school is supposed to be a village school but is now a prime example of developers over subscribing vital infrastructure that so many depend on. To continue to put a strain on these resources is intolerable and frankly unfair for future generations. With the copious amounts of children that attend then school, public transport could easily be put in place for those that don't come from surrounding villages, a car park does not need to be built. So many other environmentally conscious solutions could be put in place to reduce the business within the village, so that a. One can park on their own property and b. Enjoy the countryside without the distress of urban sprawl. It is testing at times to witness the congestion at this end of the village, the careless actions of parents and children further endangering habitats and wildlife but also resident's patience. I honestly don't think Cropredy can handle or ever will be in the position for development of a monumental size such as this or any for that matter. Kyett's Corner was respectfully the last development Cropredy could take, as infrastructure is continually tested now with the development of over 100 houses in Great Bourton. The new development in Great Bourton has had a significant effect on the water supply, Thames Water now making weekly visits to fix leaks and damaged pipes caused by the overload of residences. This, combined with Fairport style traffic and population would continue to leave the village more exhausted than it can handle and would fail to offer the character and rurality that brings people here either to live or as a tourist. Finally, the situation to the M40 is already crippling to Cropredy. The traffic caused both day and night is substantial and an increase would evidently and literally bring the village to a grinding halt. It is already bad with surrounding developments and is becoming dangerous with the amount of speeding and dangerous driving. Please consider all points listed as an objection and reason not to continue with this development.

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