

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
Case Officer	Katherine Daniels
Organisation Name	
Name	Martin Barber
Address	12 Kyetts Corner,Cropredy,Banbury,OX17 1JW
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Dear Planning Committee,</p> <p>I write to reaffirm my objection to the recently amended planning application and to add further comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Fundamentally this proposal is putting forward the development of a huge housing estate out of proportion with the village. The estate would be 'bolted' onto a village community with no connection to the rest of the village; with the strong likelihood of applications to extend the development further.2. The proposals run counter to both the old Cherwell Plan and the new draft local draft plan which stresses that village communities like Cropredy should be protected from development, with limited individual houses and infill only. There are pockets of land which could be developed inside the village boundaries.3. A parish council survey of villagers' views showed overwhelming (85%) objections to the plans.4. The proposed development is on a productive agricultural green field site, with environmentally rich connections with the local river, canal and hedgerows. Rishi Sunak says 'don't concrete over the countryside', Labour says develop brown field sites and the Liberals say listen to local people. The environmental damage would be negative and irreversible at a time of climate crisis.5. The amended plans do nothing more to protect many properties in Creampot Lane from the visual impact of housing development and the impact of water run off from the site which is at a higher level than a number of homes.6. The amended plan lists a 'community building', yet the village has a well-maintained active village hall in the centre of the village. There is no need for the proposed second play area; a convenient use of land likely to be water logged by the canal. The village already has a more central established play area which has been diligently developed and maintained by the Parish Council.7. The damage done, if accepting this plan, is still about the building of 60 houses yet the focus has become the future of the doctor's surgery in the village; a separate issue. The building of a new surgery would require the purchasing or gift of the land, the funding of the build, the fitting and the maintenance - a huge cost which the cannot be funded by the health authorities or the building of 30, 60 ,19 or 120 homes. The doctor's practice may have issues over space and their desire to expand but this should not be the expense of fundamentally changing the character of the village. This is a separate issue which needs to be settled with existing landlords, neighbouring landowners and the help of individuals such as MP Victoria Prentis. It should not be used as 'cover' to build so many houses.8. Withstanding this is an outline plan the drawing and plans for the proposed building of a new doctor's surgery are out of keeping with the vernacular style and in scale more suitable for a medical centre in a small town.9. I am concerned that our original comments on this proposal were to be uploaded by May 2023 with a decision in June yet by lengthening the process the nature of the application has changed. Obsidian has been given much more time to prepare their case and amend their plans; they after all can move on after the decision not living with the consequences. Local residents are having to live with the uncertainty and anxiety over the future of their much-loved village community. <p>I would urge the CDC to strongly consider the reasoned objections put forward by so many local people and reject this speculative proposal.</p> <p>Martin Barber</p>

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