Comment for planning application 24/00375/F

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Comments

Location Os Parcels 7685 6871 8775 1582 3675 3173 1865 0250 8545 7331 1724 And Part 0006

Adjoining Stratford Road A422 Wroxton

Proposal Formation of two fishing lakes, two nursery lakes, the siting of 15 accommodation lodges, 8

pods, a management building and ancillary vehicular access, parking and landscaping

Case Officer Katherine Daniels

Organisation Name catherine j t vint

Address

Hornton grounds, Hornton, Nr Banbury, Ox15 6hh

Type of Comment Objection

Type neighbour

> I write as a direct neighbour of the proposed development sadly as a neighbour I have neither been notified by the planning authority or the courtesy of a neighbour. I also write as Regional director for the Heart of England of Farm Stay UK, a not for profit, booking assist for rural accommodation.

Farm Stay Uk is of the view that the bubble has already burst in the glamping market, as stated in last weeks Farmers Weekly, only high quality off grid locations with strong green credentials with an emphasis on high quality service are getting business from a diminishing market. One does wonder whether the socio economic group of coarse fishermen will pay for pseudo log cabins with a tin roof.

As a direct neighbour I have grave concerns for the route of the public footpath which runs along the edge of our land and enters the proposed fishing lake and residential area before egressing on the A422 by the Indian Queen Resteraunt.

As a farmer I am very well aware of the naturally very low rainfall in this area of approx 28" per annum and the fact that our farm is in something of a rainshadow area unlike the Upton Estate across the A422 road. I find myself questioning how will fishing lakes be supplied with water and how will they be maintained at a welfare friendly water level for the fish..... Most summers the land is so free draining that the old quarry railway track shows up as a burnt out track with in the crops like something from an archeological dig. How will drainage and filtration be acheived on such free draining land in an NVZ (nitrogen Vulnerable Zone) on already reconstructured land after extensive quarrying with the level reconstituted some 30 meters below the original ground level as seen at the road level of the A422.

Reading the ecological survey gave great concern, I wonder if it really was only a desk top survey. Whilst the proposed area has been intensively arable farming for some considerable time there is a substantial amount of wildlife which we and our tenant are extensively supporting by recently planting a hedge as a wildlife corridor to link our woodland and the brook at the bottom of the old Moto Cross track along to the long strip of woodland running adjacent to the Stratford road bordering the proposed fish holiday accommodation or potential club house for the old moto cross race track. The proposed development is 50 yards or so from a very active badger set. WE have superb birdlife with red kites and buzzard both nesting either side of the Indian Queen. Hares and rabbits are in abundance, we know we have Greater Crested Newts and smooth newts in the meadow as well as grass snakes and Adders sadly we lost a cow to an adder bite in our field adjacent to the proposed development which Avon Vale Vets will concurr with. Due to the stony outcrops, the trees and the water of the brook insect life is phenomenal and the bat activity is superb we believe we have at least seven types of bat flying around the meadow. Sky larks are our theme tune when walking.

Whilst one can understand this is marginal land for arable purposes one cannot help think it would be much better suited to the new sustainable farming incentive schemes which over time will improve soil, draining, wildlife and capture carbon for future generations.

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