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Dear Planning Committee,

I objection to outline plan 23/00977/OUT has been strengthened by the publication of the agenda report.

These are speculative plans, designed to make money for the land agent and developer, and not looking considering the strength and depth of feeling of the local residents. The plight of the surgery should not detract from the core issue of building the first 60 houses on this site.

The building of 60 houses would increase the size of the village on a massive scale, by perhaps nearly 30% in a very short space of time and create a range of problems in the village and changing the character and identity of the village.

I understood that under the existing local plan Cropredy is deemed suitable for small scale infill and conversations which enhances the existing environment of the village but this proposal is on a massive scale.

I also understand that the draft new plan for 2040 would protect village communities from giant developments, with a negative impact on the character and appearance of the locality.

I believe that Cherwell has passed its target for development in rural settings.

This proposal develops a large housing estate in the wrong place in the village, causing harm to the village character and ignoring sites within the village for smaller scale development.

Any development would create increased traffic, with an enlarged surgery for example creating nearly 3000 extra car journeys on village lanes each week. Commuter traffic would have a detrimental impact on the local settlement of Great Bourton and Williamscott.

This proposal has the greatest negative impact for the existing residents of the Cropredy community living in Creampot Lane and Kyetts Corner. The proposed 10-metre border would not sufficient to protect the rural outlook and ensure privacy for our home which lies lower than the proposed development with houses towering over our home.

This winter has illustrated what happens with increased water run from the field and leading to increased frequencies of flooding with roads cut off into and out of the village.

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