

Comment for planning application 19/02550/F

Application Number	19/02550/F
Location	Land to the east of M40 and south of A4095 Chesterton Bicester Oxon
Proposal	Redevelopment of part of golf course to provide new leisure resort (sui generis) incorporating waterpark, family entertainment centre, hotel, conferencing facilities and restaurants with associated access, parking and landscaping
Case Officer	Clare Whitehead
Organisation Name	karen jones
Address	16 salspring drive,swindon,wilts,sn47sd
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I have traveled to Chesterton regularly for many years to visit my friends. There is congestion on the A41, A34 and M40 and all surrounding A and B roads on a daily basis, with frequent accidents and traffic overload, with delays lasting several hours at a time and quite often road closures. This creates employment difficulties and safety problems for emergency services, and for thousands of people in this area. The local population will gain nothing from the proposed development. Employment opportunities are not required and will be poorly paid. There is no proposal to provide staff accommodation, thereby creating further adverse traffic implications. This development is a speculative attempt by an American leisure provider to gain access to the UK and Europe via the accusation of cheap land in a location that is entirely unsuitable for their purposes. Moreover it is a desperate attempt to make a quick buck by selling this land at the expense and disregard of the surrounding villages and communities, Great Wolf Resorts have been subject to financial difficulties in the US and may bring similar problems to this project due to their lack of a clear understanding of what this project offers UK citizens and the major drawbacks to local people and the local environment. The second largest tourist attraction in Britain, Bicester Village, has roughly twice the number of parking spaces that this application has and regularly causes traffic chaos on the surrounding roads, even though those are dual carriageways. The massive and looming complex is ugly and totally out of character with the neighboring 1 and 2 storey houses, and the existing hotel. There would be a shameful loss of existing trees and wildlife habitats and a vast increase light pollution. Flooding is a problem in this area and such a huge amount of impermeable land coverage is bound to exacerbate the situation. The amount of water that such a large hotel and water park will require is unsustainable when Cherwell already suffers from water stress. Little thought has been given to the impact on the local environment overall and particularly upon the local population. This project is unwanted and totally unnecessary for this locality. I trust the Cherwell will reject this unsustainable application that will if approved do great harm to this area.</p>
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