

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	oliver newton
Address	Stableford House, Kirtlington Road, Chesterton, Bicester, OX26 1TE
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I would like to express my strong objection to this proposed development. The proposal purports to provide economic benefits for the community. This is not the case. There are no local businesses that support this scheme or indeed will benefit. Resort consumables will not be sourced locally but nationally in bulk from large distribution centres. The resort is self-contained with restaurants, retail shops and other entertainment on site. A family staying two days has no need to venture out and spend money in the local community. Great wolf will be offering seasonal low paid work to fit their business model and this contravenes with Cherwell council's strategic aim supporting the 'Knowledge economy'. Bicester already has an incredibly low rate of unemployment, the adjacent Golf Club struggle to recruit and the majority of workers come from outside the area and indeed the country. If workers are recruited then local business would find it difficult to retain staff, producing a negative affect. With staff accommodation on site, again there are no other benefits for local businesses. The situation is not only of zero benefit but it can be seen as particularly detrimental. The golf club selling the land will suffer as a result. It already has lost countless golf members and with it the revenue that they additional bring in the bar restaurant and social events. Occupancy levels will fall due to the club being only able to offer 9 holes and revenue from society days will cease. Redundancies will be inevitable. The need for workers from outside the area further exacerbates the congestion, providing more issues for the council and more importantly the local residents. Infrastructure will be stretched, in years to come the council will need to re-evaluate road widening, traffic calming and traffic flow measures in the area. This will come at a cost to the taxpayers, not to Great wolf. Furthermore, the risk of RTAs due to having thousands of more cars driving through our country roads will be increased with the associated burden on our services. Traffic problems already exist on the M40 and A34 and this will only worsen, again contributing negatively to the economic region. There is absolutely no foundation to the only claimed benefit great wolf make, that the community would benefit economically. When put in context with all the other negatives effects that this proposal brings, it must not be allowed to succeed.</p>
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