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I write to fully support the CDC decision to refuse planning permission to this speculative application which runs contrary to all agreed significant strategic planning for this important development area of our town, including the NW Bicester masterplan, and Bicester Policy 1 of the adopted Cherwell Local Plan, and the agreed decision not to allow further planning applications for this area of NW Bicester until the newly realigned Howes Lane is constructed.

This application not only contravenes all of CDC's strategic planning for the area, but will impact on the current Howes Lane in a really adverse way increasing the unacceptable volume of traffic already using what is a country road. Bicester has more than enough sites for industrial warehouses already and action needs to be taken to ensure our town is not totally encircled impacting on the planned housing development areas and allied amenities. There are sufficient 'brown-field' sites available for warehousing on unused/underused MOD land to the south of the town.

This application would, for all intents and purposes, separate the eventual new houses in NW Bicester from the town, creating an isolated community. This would run against 'community cohesion' where a sense of belonging is very necessary especially given that our town is destined to double in size over the next few years.

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