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Subject: New comments for application 19/01271/F

New comments have been received for application 19/01271/F at site address: The Bothy Brashfield House Buckingham Road Caversfield OX27 8RE

from Mr. P. May & Mrs S. May

Address:

Brashfield Gatehouse, Buckingham Road, Caversfield, Bicester, OX27 8RE

Comment type:

Comment

Comments:

Re Comments on planning application No 19/01271/F

Our concerns are:-

Giving planning approval for further dwellings and residents trying to exit and approach the A4421 from this area will prove to be a potentially very dangerous thing. Due to speed and volume of traffic which is now present and increasing all the time on the A4421.

Due to the lack of adherence of to the speed limit., in order to exit onto the A4421 you can wait for a safe movement onto it anything from 5-10 mins depending on the time of day , at no point during the day or night is the road ever free from traffic.

Visibility is also limited to right with a bend in the road and with large trees obscuring your view to accommodate your judgment on traffic travelling in excess of the 50 mph to time your exit safely and confidently hence the need to wait 5-10 mins.

The exit onto the A4421 is now even more difficult as the number of lorries has at least doubled since the distribution buildings have been built in Skimmingdish Lane. Given the size and ability to slow and stop these vehicles in an emergency make it even more difficult, not to mention the damage to the road these vehicles cause, which again uneven roads are a hazard to drivers especially speeding ones.

With the massive amount of development in this area approved, i can only assume it will get even worse. Fatalities will happen, unless planning permission for access to this stretch of road is not restricted. Together with a weight restriction for the road, a roundabout off the Ardley exit to slow the traffic, (as speed limits are completely ineffective) are put in place first.

In the 10 years we have lived at the Gatehouse there have been many near misses and several accidents with cars waiting to turn right into Ardley, being struck and the screeching brakes of speeding vehicles just about managing to stop. We have also had many incidents of animals being killed on this stretch of road, with people knocking on our door for help etc.

We ourselves were victims in the early hours of the morning, when a car skidded across the road hit one of our trees and caught fire the occupant crawled along to the drive before the vehicle was engulfed in flames, setting fire to two thirds of our 20 foot high hedge, taking many fire vehicles several hours to get control of it. Causing hundreds of pounds worth of damage and almost the life of the driver.

For a responsible council to even consider increasing the risk by agreeing planning for more people trying to exit and enter this road is irresponsible.

We would also feel more development even if built in keeping with the character of the estate on the site, will take away the historic beauty of the estate, which is rightly under conservation and listed. Is it really necessary to destroy this? Considering the massive amount of housing development Bicester already has in place and ongoing.

Case Officer:  
Sarah Greenall

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