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To: Planning <Planning@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk>

Subject: New comments for application 19/01705/OUT

New comments have been received for application 19/01705/OUT at site address: Land Adjoining And West Of Bloxham Recreation Ground South Newington Road Bloxham

from Michael Fenner

Address:

Barn Cottage,3 The Ridgeway,Bloxham,Banbury,OX15 4NF

Comment type:

Objection

Comments:

I object to this development for the following reasons.

- 1) Bloxham already has five new housing estates randomly placed around the village, whilst significant brown field infill has taken place within the village. Overall the village has doubled in size in the last decade or so. That's enough one would think.
- 2) These external isolated closes are not connected to the village in any meaningful way. They are just distant, isolated dormitories and effectively a modern form of ribbon development. They bring no added facilities or public benefit.
- 3) Existing facilities are already beyond capacity, viz.
 - The High street in the shopping area is a mess of parked cars, delivery vehicles and traffic jams virtually all day.
 - The Primary School is full and no further capacity can be added.
- 4) The amount of road travel through the village is already an issue, especially since the main road is the route to Chipping Norton as well as to South Newington, Milcombe and Hook Norton.
- 5) The development is south of the old Banbury-Cheltenham railway line, which forms a natural boundary for the southern edge of Bloxham in that direction.
- 6) According to Cherwell Local Plan, the area has already covered its quota of new build housing.
- 7) The fields in question are a flood plain and often affected by surface water for much of the winter. Building on this area could cause flooding to occur in other residential areas of Bloxham.
- 8) The fields in question are adjacent to The Slade wildlife reserve and building work initially and housing permanently, would impinge on wildlife and plants in that area.

Case Officer:

Samantha Taylor

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