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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 David Warlow

Address:

1 Waters Court, The Ridgeway, Bloxham, Banbury, OX15 4FE

Comment type:

Objection

Comments:

Application Ref: 19/01705/OUT

Public Comment: Objection

Please can I object in the strongest terms to this application on the following grounds:

The application completely contravenes the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan, and is also not required within the Cherwell Local Plan which has already demonstrated a five year housing supply without this development

The proposed site is outside of the built environment of the village, encroaching into open countryside and would adversely impact the Slade nature reserve and the outlook of the Recreation Ground

The high volume of houses proposed combined with its location outside of the village boundaries would adversely impact the rural character of the village, which the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan wishes to preserve (as do the villagers who have chosen to live in a rural community)

The infrastructure of the village cannot cope any further with continued growth, considering how many new houses have been built in Bloxham in recent years. The local schools, doctors and dentists are full to capacity already

Adding 95 houses would significantly increase traffic going through the one main road in Bloxham. Residents have regularly raised concerns about air pollution from vehicle emissions on the High Street at public meetings such as the Bloxham Parish Council Annual Meeting. There is significant traffic congestion every morning and evening, such a high volume proposal would only make this worse. There is also no room for any additional car parking on the High Street, our historic village was not designed to cope with the current traffic volume

The proposed sole entrance to the site is from the A361 and close to the mini roundabout. This mini roundabout already struggles with capacity at peak times, and traffic regularly queues back from the mini-roundabout along the A361. Safety is definitely a concern for this entrance location, and would definitely further exacerbate traffic problems at peak times Please could it be taken into account that Bloxham has already taken more than its fair share of housing development, to the extent that its infrastructure can no longer cope - this proposal would cause significant harm to the rural character of the village and offers no benefits to outweigh this. There are numerous recent

precedents for rejecting developments outside of the built environment of the village, this has also been sustained on appeal - please can these precedents be respected and maintained.

Regards,

David Warlow

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