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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 R Perkin-Ball

Address:

24 Brookside Way, Bloxham, Banbury, OX15 4HY

Comment type:

Objection

Comments:

1. The proposal is unnecessary, too big and contravenes the Bloxham Neighbourhood Development Plan. Bloxham has already met its housing targets and there are already at least 45 houses for sale in the village covering a wide price span.
2. The proposed site would have a major detrimental impact on the open character and views of the Recreation ground and would cause damage to the Slade, a Registered Nature Reserve and Cherwell District Wildlife Site, its wildlife and plantlife.
3. The proposed site sits adjacent to areas designated Flood Risk 2 and 3 and would generate water run off which, when combined with the water run off alleviation measures from existing house building sites on the other side of the Brook would impact on the capacity of the Brook to carry away the increased volume of water particularly when taking into consideration the extreme weather events already recently experienced and expected from climate change. This would inevitably increase the risk of flooding around Brookside and the centre of Bloxham.
4. The existing sewerage disposal capacity of Bloxham has already been virtually reached with Thames Water stating recently that the system could cope with no more than 50 new houses.
5. 95 new homes, even assuming that they could be sold, would generate a huge increase in traffic volume both from the new owners and site construction traffic onto the A361. The A361 between Banbury and Chipping Norton has already been identified by The Road Safety Foundation as one of the 50 sections of UK A-class roads with the highest of fatal and serious road traffic accidents. Oxfordshire County Council is currently engaged in a 4.135m project in an attempt to alleviate some of the problems. To generate even more traffic onto this road would clearly only exacerbate the existing problem. The extra traffic generated, should this proposal go ahead, combined with that already being generated by the 40 new houses being built in Milton, would render the South Newington Roundabout gridlocked, or worse, at most times of the day. The centre of Bloxham is already subject to traffic jams throughout most days.
6. The facilities in Bloxham (schools, Dr's Dentists etc) are already at, or near, full capacity with no room to expand the Primary School further. Bloxham already provides access to these facilities to adjacent villages so to load those facilities with any more families clearly would have a major detrimental effect.

Case Officer:

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