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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 P & B McArdle

Address:

4 Manning Close, Bloxham, Banbury, OX15 4TH

Comment type:

Objection

Comments:

We strongly object to the above planning application for the following reasons:

It is difficult to see how we can continue building houses with the traffic issues that we already have.

It is probably reasonable to assume that many of the 95 proposed new homes would have two vehicles. There would also be a significant number of delivery and service vehicles.

The centre of Bloxham (shopping area) is frequently congested and can be an unpleasant place as HGV's thread between parked cars and delivery vehicles. The South Newington road island is overloaded and quite hazardous. Drivers approaching from the South Newington direction, who should give way to the right, have no view at all to vehicles approaching from the Barford Road - similar problem with vehicles approaching the island from the Barford Road with their view to the left totally obscured. Not sure how many accidents happen at this location but I have been involved in one minor shunt and I have seen several close shaves. More traffic will only increase the problem. It is already accepted that there is no way of alleviating traffic pressure at the locations mentioned. Air pollution must be a consideration. It is more significant when the proximity of the primary school is considered and the general view that more walking and cycling should be encouraged. The location of the entrance/exit (T junction) to the proposed development is very close to a bend on the A361. How dangerous would this be and how much traffic chaos would it cause? Traffic would surely back up, blocking the A361, as vehicles wait to turn right onto the development. Gladman and the land owner are of course pursuing this matter for financial gain. Hard to understand how the proposal could be accepted when there appears to be absolutely no other reason for it going ahead.

The Slade is an important environmental area which could easily be destroyed but would be impossible to replace. The proximity of this development should be of great concern. Any constructed green spaces/nature trails cannot be compared to what is already there.

We have the same concerns about local services as mentioned by many other people. Gladman mention a possible contribution for additional classrooms, if needed, but many people have stated that the primary school is already at capacity and does not have space for further expansion.

Case Officer:

Samantha Taylor

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