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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 Ian Cartledge i

Address:

The Old Forge, Church Street, Bloxham, Banbury, OX15 4ET

Comment type:

Objection

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I object to the application on:

(i) Highway Safety

The addition of another junction on the A361 on a section of road which is 'double white lines' is an inappropriate increased risk to road users. Additional traffic flowing into Bloxham which has to navigate the mini roundabout at Church Street, particularly at 'rush hour' will add to road safety issues for school children and pedestrians more generally crossing the junction. It will add further noise to residents of Church Street, Barford Road etc as more traffic is accelerating away from the mini roundabout. The additional traffic will increase the risk of accidents as drivers have to 'compete' to navigate the junction. As a resident of Church Street the frequency of use of vehicle horns (incorrectly as annoyance with/at other road users) is already a frequent additional disturbance beyond the noise more generally.

(ii) Traffic Generation

Yet another increase of traffic generation to and through the village and the subsequent further increases to congestion at the village schools and shops has to be considered as a 'step too far'

(iii) Noise Air Pollution and Disturbance The increase in traffic can only increase noise, air pollution and disturbance to residents within the village particularly on the A361

iv) Visual Amenity, Nature Conservation and 'open space'

With a defined building line what is its value if it is ignored, or does such a boundary carry no 'weight' in planning applications. I can see the attractiveness to developers to market property at a premium for 'views over an open space' but what about the retention of the open space for village residents more generally. This development is a detriment to the village residents.

How much vegetation will be removed to the detriment to nesting birds etc compromising environmental sustainability.

(v) Effect on Listed Buildings and Bloxham Conservation Area In addition to the above the development must impact Conservation Area and in the long term impact Listed buildings which are a feature of the village and one of its' visual amenities (character).

(vi) Infrastructure Limits

The village primary school is full and cannot expand. A previous developer (whose proposal was eventually passed) was advised to put in the sales brochure a statement to that effect. The situation has not changed to alleviate the situation. The proposal to build another primary school at the Banbury end of the village will only compound the traffic volumes flowing through the village and further increase all the associated issues identified above (e.g. noise, pollution, congestion, highway safety).

Case Officer:
Samantha Taylor

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