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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 Laura Mattin

Address:

34 Gascoigne Way, Bloxham, Banbury, OX15 4TL

Comment type:

Objection

Comments:

Please consider my objection to the above application. In general, I am not opposed to development, and believe that all towns and villages need to make a contribution to the housing requirements for all. However, I do oppose this development because:

* This proposal clearly goes against the intent of the Bloxham Neighbourhood Development plan. My specific concerns relate particularly to paragraphs BL9 (traffic impacts and primary school places) and BL11 (respect for the local character and rural feel to the village)

* This development would enclose the Rec which is currently an open, countryside space used by many village residents. My own family use the play areas, the open field and the footpath to walk to Milcombe village, and this development would significantly change the feel and usage of this valuable space.

* Current levels of traffic, including HGV traffic, particularly through the centre of the village (on the hill next to the Red Lion, near Co-op etc) are dangerous and polluting. This is to the extent that cycling through the village is neither practical nor safe for anyone except the most experience cyclist. The A361 is identified as one of the most dangerous road in the area - further traffic on this road could only make this worse. A development of the size proposed would further exacerbate all of these issues.

* The primary school is at capacity (I know of classes that currently have 34 pupils). It should not be necessary for people who live in the village to travel to another village to take their children to school.

* A development outside the current 'edge' of the village footprint would set a precedent for further extension of the village which would also be unnecessary and in contravention of the Neighbourhood Plan.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of the above

Case Officer:

Samantha Taylor

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