

Comment for planning application 19/02350/OUT

Application Number	19/02350/OUT
Location	Land at Deerfields Farm Canal Lane Bodicote
Proposal	Outline planning permission for 27 dwellings including Access
Case Officer	Samantha Taylor
Organisation Name	Lauren Campbell
Address	1 Mayweed Road, Banbury, OX15 4TF
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Having moved to Mayweed Road in May, there have been a litany of issues surrounding the no. of vehicles, insufficient no. of parking spaces, vehicular access to private drives, traffic noise and pollution on the whole of the development. Adding another 27 houses with 54 cars in such a small area with one point of access is only going to exacerbate the existing issue and would one day undoubtedly cause an accident. Anyone who works from home or stays at home with children during the day are looking at two years of disruption during the week from industrial vehicles, with increased noise, dust and pollutants. With 54 vehicles after completion being added to what is currently a peaceful road it would pose a safety risk to the children who live on Mayweed Road (I think I'm right in saying every family on the road has young children), and those of the families on Silverweed. To say that access to the new houses would be through Silverweed and Mayweed is distortive, as access through Mayweed is the quickest and easiest, and would see the lion's share of the traffic. To subject young families to this level of disturbance, when they had been assured that this phase of the development was now complete, would cause unnecessary stress and anxiety. Canal Lane is used by pedestrians, cyclists, riders, and most importantly as an access through for parents with young children going to and from the primary school. As Canal Lane is only accessible by car for residents the road is very quiet, but if this were to change it would no longer be safe for pedestrians and directly contravene the Council's own Local Plan 2011-2031, in which requires a layout that maximises the potential for walkable neighbourhoods. Canal Lane has no foot paths, no room for two cars to pass each other, no street lighting, and there don't appear to be anything in the plans to address these problems. If access was opened at the end of Canal Lane onto Longford Park Road it would create an extremely dangerous rat run. Increasing access would threaten the corridor of hedgerows down Canal Lane which provide essential habitats for wildlife and help preserve biodiversity in the development. The Council stated the importance of protecting the rural character, enhancing and retaining of The Public Right of Way, but this plan would be in direct contradiction of these goals. Being a frequent user of Canal Lane as a pedestrian, there have been numerous times over the last six months where the Lane has become flooded, which suggests the water doesn't run off sufficiently after rainfall and that the current soakaway is insufficient. Further buildings will only increase the space occupied by impermeable surfaces and aggravate the current flooding issue. I strongly urge the project manager for the Council to reject this application. It will shoehorn as many homes as it can into a small and unsuitable area, creating a claustrophobic and congested environment, and the plans do not provide answers to any of the existing problems with Longford Park. The provision of new houses is an important issue, but there will be more compatible locations for both current residents and prospective buyers.</p>
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