

Comment for planning application 19/02550/F

Application Number	19/02550/F
Location	Land to the east of M40 and south of A4095 Chesterton Bicester Oxon
Proposal	Redevelopment of part of golf course to provide new leisure resort (sui generis) incorporating waterpark, family entertainment centre, hotel, conferencing facilities and restaurants with associated access, parking and landscaping
Case Officer	Clare Whitehead
Organisation	
Name	Lucy Miles
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Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Dear Madam, I would like to strongly object to the proposed development by Great Lakes UK Ltd that has been submitted under planning application ref 19/02550/F. My most fundamental objections are that: a) this proposal would have such a substantial impact on the local area b) Environmental and safety impacts resulting from increased traffic on unsuitable highways. As a previous resident of Chesterton, a current resident in the Cherwell District and current member of the Health Club at Bicester Hotel, Golf and Spa I am only too familiar with how over utilised the current highways infrastructure is. One accident on the A34 is enough to bring the entire road network in the area to a standstill for many hours at a time, this is with the current level of traffic and not including any future increase from other already approved housing developments and certainly before you begin to consider the increase that this proposed development could bring. Where there is an accident on the A34 many drivers rely on the Sat Nav's to divert them off of the main routes and along back roads to reduce journey time. With an increase in traffic, an increase in accidents and an increase in congestion from this proposed development it is more likely that drivers will look to use the back roads which they are often unfamiliar with. On single track roads this presents a significant increased risk to the safety of other road users, which include cyclists and horse riders. Many of these routes take drivers through small villages and past children's play areas. There must be additional safety considerations for such areas that would be impacted by such a development. The roads around the proposed development site are also completely unsuitable to be main routes into such a large development. The B430, A4095, The Hale and Akeman Street are all single carriageway or single-track roads that are not well maintained or well lit. There have been numerous accidents on the B430 and Akeman Street cross roads over the last 5 years especially when there are adverse weather conditions. Increasing traffic on these roads can only increase the likelihood of more accidents in the future and potentially increase the severity of them as well. With additional accidents and traffic on the roads there will be more cars sat in queues with their engines running which will increase the pollutants in the air and therefore reduce air quality for all residents on the major and minor routes into the proposed development site as well as increase noise pollution too. There is also the important loss of sports facilities to consider. Currently many members of the Health/Golf club enjoy the ability to play 18 holes of golf. If 9 holes of the course are lost to this proposed development then there is an increased chance of members looking to alternative clubs to be able to enjoy playing 18 holes of golf. Other points that should also be considered are: a) this proposal is not in accordance with the local development plan, b) there is no identified need for such a development, c) there are no material considerations that would warrant planning permission being granted. I hope that this comment, combined with other objection letters and comments and the facts surrounding this application will ensure that this planning application is rejected. Your faithfully. Lucy Miles</p>
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