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Ms Clare Whitehead
Case Officer, Development Management
Cherwell District Council
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Ref: Great Lakes UK Ltd – Planning Application No: 19/02550/F

Dear Ms Whitehead,

I cannot object strongly enough to the planning application by Great Lakes UK Ltd to build a resort and waterpark in the village of Chesterton. The proposal does not fit with the local development plan.

It is a totally inappropriate development in a wholly unsuitable location on the edge of a small village. The development will result in a significant increase in traffic which goes against the Cherwell Strategy of reducing car usage. The building and car parking space will irreversibly remove an important green space and destroy natural habitats. The proposed buildings are also not in keeping with the character of the local area.

The existing and already congested road infrastructure will not be able to cope with the additional 1000+ daily car movements. Chesterton and the surrounding villages already experience major congestion due to the many delays on the M40 and A34. In addition to several other significant proposals approved in Bicester, its unacceptable routing plans via Middleton Stoney, Weston on the Green and Wendlebury, will seriously affect the already stressed A41, A4095 and B430. This will also result in a significant deterioration in air quality and a substantial increase in noise pollution for local residents.

Other hotel and local businesses are struggling to find employees. This development will add an unsustainable demand on recruitment and have a negative impact on local businesses.

Open space provision is rapidly disappearing around Bicester. The increasing size of Kingsmere and the new developments around Bicester Herritage, Axis J9, the Bicester Gateway and Skimmingdish Lane warehousing have already cleared vast areas of green space. The proposed development also cuts across a public footpath and its diversion will effectively refute access.

For the above reasons, I strongly request that planning permission is NOT granted for this application.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Sharon-Mai Beckett