

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	David Radwell
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Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I strongly object to this planning application on a number of grounds; -The existing golf club is a profit making company, there is no financial reason for the sale of the 9 golf holes, by doing so and the requested planning will destroy open countryside that is irreversible. Bicester and the surrounding area is going through unprecedented levels of development, all on open green spaces, resulting in the destruction of natural habitats and wildlife. Sooner or later, everything will be concerte. - This development is not wanted by local people, the developers claim it will bring many jobs, but unemployment in this area is not a concern, it will merely take workers from other local employers. The development itself is not targeting local people, the entry fee alone is too high and entry would not be permitted if the hotel is full. - Traffic is a major concern, especially for the surrounding villages, there will be accidents as the roads cannot cope with an additional 500k visitors per annum. The developers argue that most will use public transport, which I cannot see how, because there are no public transport links to the planned site. They also argue that they will put up signs to direct people away from villages, this will not work as everyone follows sat nat instead of reading signs, I do. I went to an open day at the golf club and a traffic expert (who coincidentally worked for bicester village) stated that 500k visitors per annum equals 1 extra car every half hour. Doing simple maths, that means every car would have 28.5 people. The next day he told someone else who I know attended the open day something completely different. Their calculations do not add up. Most traffic will come off the M40, junction 9, which is already completely congested, and turn off through Little Chesterton, which is a single track road. - The planned car park for the hotel alone is huge, allowing 900 cars to park. The scale of the proposed venture is ridiculous for the area, if anywhere it should be built immediately next to a motorway junction, not in the middle of countryside. - The plan is in the completely wrong area, we do not need the employment and certainly do not need an extra 500k visitors to this area what with Bicester Village as well. How will the town cope with this as well as Bicester Village and 1000's of new houses and warehouses being built. There are never any road infrastructure improvements, the whole town is gridlocked for 2 hours in the morning and 2 in the evening as it is. This application MUST be rejected.</p>
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