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

Dear Ms Whitehead,

Please consider this letter in regards to the Great Wolf Family Water Park proposal in Chesterton, Oxfordshire. As a resident of Little Chesterton, a hamlet on a single track road adjacent to Chesterton, I am firmly opposed to such a large, inappropriate, and unnecessary development in any form being granted.

At 500,000 sq. ft in scale, this development would be devastating to our area, effecting in the worst way the landscape, traffic, wildlife and overall pollution in this community. Chesterton and the surrounding areas are already struggling to cope with the results of recent housing developments, as well as the expansion of Bicester Village less than 2 miles away. And we haven't even started to absorb the added population in this area due to current and future builds on Graven Hill.


Our roadways are currently inadequate for the traffic we have now. This area is already considered a rat run, and we constantly live with the reality of the dangers of driving, or even just walking on the roads in our community as streams of traffic funnel through our narrow, potholed lanes.

It is inconceivable that such an overbearing, monster development, which would purposely try to keep visitors on site, would add any significant economic benefits to our area. More likely, it would destroy smaller tourist businesses as profits would concentrate instead into this international corporation. While the massive design and scale of this unnecessary water park would indeed spoil and destroy the character of this area.

Greatly increased pollution is also inevitable as we would have years of construction and then parades of service vehicles, as well as an estimated 2,000 visitors each day. And those visitor projections are for before they expand, which we all know they will if allowed to go forward with the development. Noise pollution, reduced air quality and increased litter on the sides of the road would threaten our wildlife and our way of life. The blight that this project would have on our community would be severe.

This proposed development is simply pointless as there is no demand in the local community for - of all things - a water park. Much less a water park that wouldn't benefit our area, but would instead destroy it. All benefits would clearly go Great Lakes UK Ltd and their parent company, Great Wolf Resorts. What we need moving forward is time to finish the building spree already started in this area, and to correct the problem infrastructure and basic services that we already lack. *This area is completely unsuitable for the Great Wolf proposed development.*

Sincerely,



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