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

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

I wish to object to the proposal of building a completely unnecessary water park on a green area of our county. The vast scale of this proposal is completely out of keeping with our rural location. Furthermore, the development includes 900 car parking spaces with a significant reliance on car travel which goes against the Cherwell Strategy of reducing car usage. Hotel rooms will only be available to Great Wolf resort quests. This does not assist the growth of other businesses in the areas providing employees with a place to stay overnight. No local businesses support the scheme to reinforce Great Wolf's suggestions of economic benefits. Great Wolf aims to keep all quests on site to use their restaurants, bowling alleys, retail shops etc so the economic benefits are retained by Great Wolf and not shared with local businesses in the local area. Local businesses are already finding it hard to recruit the employees Great Wolf will be targeting. As such, Great Wolf will either take employees away from local businesses which will have a negative economic impact, or they will bring in employment from other areas therefore increasing traffic movements. The A34, A41, M40 already suffer from extreme congestion on a daily basis with accidents and road closures a regular occurrence. Finally, I wish to highlight the impact on the environment. An enormous amount of water will be used from Cherwell's already short supply. This will go against Cherwell's own consultant's (Tyrens) recommendation which refers to the need to "reduce water demand in this highly water stressed area". This project is unwanted and totally unnecessary for this area. Planning permission must be withheld on behalf of local residents by the local authority. Anything less will be a betrayal of local residents.

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