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**Ref: Great Lakes UK Ltd – Application Ref: 19/02550/F**

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to whole-heartedly object to this application for a large-scale water theme park in the small village of Chesterton. This is not a facility that can be shown to have a need for provision, in this area or any other.

The current golf course is a greenfield site providing a sporting facility which will be lost to a vast inappropriately sized concrete area with large uncharacteristic buildings for a small village. The plans for a 900 space car park indicate the anticipated huge volume of extra traffic that will be travelling to and from the site, bringing with it a substantial increase in noise pollution, not to mention a decrease in air quality and potentially adding to the associated health issues currently being identified nationally.

This will be a private resort attracting a proposed 500,000 visitors annually. As all these visitors must arrive by road this is going to add unprecedented stress to the already highly congested M40, A34, A41, A4095 and B430. The infrastructure of the area will simply not be able to sustain this proposed development, to the detriment of thousands of local residents and businesses. The congestion on these roads is already well known even on a national scale, rarely does a day go by without the mention of an accident or excessive delays on these routes.

Economically there is very little benefit from this development for the local area. Oxfordshire has very low unemployment. The resort's requirement for 600 lower skilled staff will either attract employees away from existing local businesses or necessitate finding staff from some distance, thereby increasing road movements even further. There is no provision for staff accommodation within the resort. As there is no public transport all staff will have to travel by vehicles – the possibility of cycling or walking from nearby will prove far too dangerous due to the volume of traffic and inadequate pavements. Furthermore it should be pointed out that the provision of low skilled employment opportunities are contrary to Cherwell's strategic aim of prioritising knowledge-based employment.

Yours faithfully,

Deborah Chapman