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Ms Clare Whitehead, Case Officer
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Ref: Great Lakes UK Ltd – Application Ref: 19/02550/F

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to object to the above mentioned application on the grounds that this proposal is not in accordance with the Local Development Plan.

Although I no longer live with my mother in Chesterton, this is my home and I visit very often, grew up here and have played many rounds of golf on the course which is to be sacrificed to this project. This is a wonderful green open space which provides a facility for local people, it goes against all local and government advice that facilities like this should be closed. The resort is not going to benefit the local residents in any way, and will have an impact on local employment. There is very low unemployment in the entire county and the 600 staff that are required for this development are most likely to be recruited from a distance – thereby adding to the traffic problems which are already at saturation point.

The existing roads cannot cope with the amount of traffic that uses these routes on a daily basis. The local stretch of the M40, the A34, A41, A4095 and B430 are congested on a daily basis. The village has become a rat-run for commuters from Bicester who find the major roads too full. Residents who are on foot, taking children to school, walking dogs and cycling have to risk their lives constantly as the traffic flow on the A4095 is relentless and very dangerous.

The project is unsustainable. There is to be a 900 space car park, indicating a significant reliance on car travel which goes against the Cherwell strategy of reducing car usage. It will comprise 500,000 square feet of building on a greenfield site, irreversibly removing important green space and disrupting ecological habitats for an abundance of wildlife. The design of the buildings is neither small scale or detached and therefore not in keeping with the character of the local area.

With potentially 2,000 visitors each day this proposal will have a very significant impact on the area and Great Lakes should have worked with Cherwell District Council to find a far more suitable site. This is a speculative planning application in the wrong location and therefore should be refused planning permission.

Yours faithfully,

David Parkes

