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

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to this application for a large-scale water theme park on the edge of the village Chesterton.

The existing road infrastructure cannot cope with the projected extra 1,000 + daily car movements. Chesterton is already a 'rat-run' and experiences major congestion as an escape route during the many traffic issues on the M40 and A34. Bicester is a growth town and with the huge amount of new homes and businesses that have been built in the last few years comes an equally enormous increase in local traffic. It is unacceptable for this development to add to the already completely overstretched A34, A41, A4095 and B430. There will be a serious deterioration in air quality and a substantial increase in noise pollution for local residents. The plans for a 900 space car park confirm the expected level of cars and vehicles.

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 vehicle – 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.

It is unacceptable that a beautiful 18 hole golf course 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. Golfers will have to find other venues, travelling to these by car of course.

Yours

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