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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 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. In addition to several other significant proposals approved in Bicester, it is unacceptable for the routing planned via Middleton Stoney and Weston on the Green and to put even more pressure on the already stressed A34, A41, A4095 and B430. There will also 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 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.

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,

Mrs Patricia Parkes

