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Dear Ms Whitehead

Ref: Great Lakes UK Ltd-Planning Application No: 19/02550/F.

I write to object in the strongest terms to the proposed planning application by Great Lakes UK Limited for a Water Park at Chesterton. This application is ill conceived, and no business case has been made to warrant planning permission being granted.

My objection to this proposal is based on several issues.

Firstly, the area of the proposed development is completely unsuitable for such a huge modern facility. It is a dominant construction overshadowing everything for miles around. Located between two small villages, that of Chesterton and Weston on the Green, the development will have far ranging detrimental effects on other surrounding villages. The proposed buildings alone covering 500,000 square foot, 500 rooms and up to 2000 visitors a day dictates that this construction is totally out of place for a rural area.

My next objection is the road network. This construction is located along the busy A4095. Access to the site is only achieved by using the local roads around Bicester and the surrounding villages which will be adversely affected. The roads are hugely congested at present, the A34 and M40 often are severely delayed by huge amounts of traffic and aggravated by regular road traffic accidents and long delays. Congestion builds up at Junctions 9 and 10 of the M40 at least twice every day, often more frequent. Traffic uses the B430 to avoid junction 9 when travelling North from the A34 and South from Junction 10 when joining the A34. The projected 2000 extra visitors a day will cause unlimited congestion. Surrounding villages will be strangled by traffic all seeking alternative routes. In summary the road infrastructure cannot cope with the added traffic this construction will bring.

This proposal offers no economic benefits whatsoever to the area. The Water Park is not designed for the people of Bicester and is targeted at visitors staying at the hotel to use the on-site facilities. The argument that it will bring employment to the area is a ridiculous one. Oxfordshire has one of the lowest unemployment rates in the country and local businesses already find it difficult to employ the staff that the park will be targeting. With the proposed site catering for all the needs of their guests there is no argument that this development will support local businesses.

The loss of green field habitat for wildlife will be damaged forever by this proposal.

The development on outdoor space adjacent to the motorway is totally unhealthy due to carbon omissions and noise. There will be a deterioration in air quality from construction traffic whilst building work takes place and will continue further from traffic using the site when open.

I therefore register my firm objections to this proposal.

Yours faithfully

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