

# Comment for planning application 19/02550/F

Application Number	19/02550/F
Location	Land to the east of M40 and south of A4095 Chesterton Bicester Oxon
Proposal	Redevelopment of part of golf course to provide new leisure resort (sui generis) incorporating waterpark, family entertainment centre, hotel, conferencing facilities and restaurants with associated access, parking and landscaping
Case Officer	Clare Whitehead
Organisation	
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Address	Odd Tymes,Northampton Road,Weston On The Green,Bicester,OX25 3QX
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>RE: Great Lakes UK Ltd., Planning Application No: 19/02550/F I am referring to the respective application for the construction of a 500 room hotel and water park in the neighbouring village of Chesterton. I am a resident of Weston on the Green. I object to this application, there is no commercial or sustainable argument for this development in this area. The main points are detailed as follows: 1. Traffic and Road infrastructure: The application stated the requirement for a 900 space care park, indicating that Great Lakes acknowledges that most of their business will travel from out of area via car or other road vehicle. Chesterton is a small village with no ability to deal with the volume of traffic. The application further states that customers will be encouraged to use access from the M40 and the A34. This seriously impacts on the safely of the local villages. They already deal with run off from the A34 and M40. There is insufficient pedestrian access and the roads are not able to tolerate the increase traffic as there is already a demonstrable issue with the overflow it currently holds. The danger to life is further exacerbated by the expectation that traffic will peak in the summer period when children and families are at home. 2. Water Sustainability: It is noted that the Cherwell area already an area of Water Stress (please refer to Cherwell Policy ESD3). The Hotel alone will dramatically increase the demand on this water. Now include a Water Park this is an intolerable demand to the local area for bother residents and wildlife. I see no acknowledgement of this from the application, in fact there isn't an environmental policy. This suggests to me that this has not been considered by Great Lakes Ltd and shows negligence. 3. Environmental impact: Relating to the lack of a formal Environmental policy. Is it totally absurd to considered a development of this nature in a green belt region with a significant wildlife population. If this was a concern for Great Lakes Ltd there would be evidence through clear assessment and policy. I am a local employer and know that Bicester has a very low unemployment rate due to the significant Bicester Village development and hospitality sites. Therefore employment will likely come from out of the area. This will not benefit the local area and will further place demand on the local road network and other local small businesses. I would at the least expect to see elements of training and support for retraining. This is another example of what is an arrogant, ill-conceived and dangerous development plan.</p>
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