

Dairy Cottage
North Lane
Weston on the green
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Ms Clare Whitehead
Development Management
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Oxfordshire

Dear Ms Whitehead,

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

I wish to register my objection to the above application for a Water Park. The proposal is not in accordance with the Cherwell Local Development Plan and the proposed development is totally unsuitable for its intended location.

The project will not only irreversibly remove important green infrastructure and disrupt ecological habitats but it will have the effect of halving the size of the golf facility which is such a valuable well-used community asset.

The fact that the facilities are completely self-contained means that there would be zero contribution to the local economy. For example, Great Wolf plans to put up employees overnight themselves, keep all guests on site with their own restaurant, bowling alleys, retail shops etc. The economic benefits will therefore not be shared with local businesses and no local businesses support the scheme.

The greatest impact will be on the existing road infrastructure, in particular around the surrounding villages. Weston on the Green is already a rat-run, which is used when there are congestion problems on the M40 or A34 and it would not be able to cope with the 1000+ daily increase in traffic that would arise from this development

This is a speculative planning application in the wrong location and should be refused for the reasons described above.

Yours sincerely,

Mike Finbow