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

Dear Sirs

I have lived in Chesterton since May 2001 and my home is on the edge of the village on the B4095.

Over the years I have enjoyed its quiet rural location and witnessed the severed increase in traffic caused by any traffic issues on either the M40 or A34. Chesterton is a small historic village with narrow roads barely able to cope with existing traffic. Without significant improvements I and all the other residents of Chesterton living on the A4095 will face increased noise and air pollution. This would not just be limited to just a few days a week or even a few hours a day. A hotel is open 24 hours a day and 7 days a week with not just guests but staff working different shifts and suppliers travelling back and forth daily.

The creation of new jobs has been promised. I work in Bicester village and know how competitive the labour market already is in the area. We have one of the lowest unemployment rates in country. Local business will face further competition recruiting staff and unless they are prepared to match Bicester Villages high wages and competitive bonus/commission structures they will be unable to recruit from the local area.

The resort is self-contained with on-site restaurants and entertainment facilities. It is highly unlikely guests will leave the resort to eat at local pubs or restaurants. Local business will not benefit from this development

The final promise has been residents having access to day passes. I have attended two consultations held at Bicester Golf Club. Once pressed for details it becomes apparent that passes will only be available when the hotel is not full. Naturally their guests have priority over the use of the facilities, but this makes it highly unlikely that Day Passes for local residents will be available on weekends or during school holidays when they are most likely to be able to use them.

Each time I attended the consultation I completed the survey and left my contact details so that Great Wolf Resorts could keep me updated. To date there has been no communication or follow up which suggests that working with local residents is not a priority.

For the above reasons I feel that Chesterton and the surrounding villages will face increased traffic and pollution with absolutely no benefit to either businesses or residents in the area. I strongly request that planning permission is not granted for this application.

Yours faithfully

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