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

Dear Ms Whitehead

I wish to register my strongest possible objections to the aforementioned application now before the Planning Committee of Cherwell District Council. I find it hard to understand how anyone could have thought this was a good idea for this area? There are so many reasons why this is an unsuitable development for this district that it is difficult to know where to start. My primary concerns are as follows:

- It is entirely inappropriate for a set of buildings of this scale, 0.5M sq feet, 500 bedrooms, and 900 car-parking spaces, to be placed not only on a Greenfield site but in open countryside;
- As a resident of Weston on the Green I am greatly concerned that there would be a very substantial build-up of traffic in the area, now that restrictions have been imposed on the B430 after a long fight by the Village. Already traffic is reaching saturation levels due to the very substantial developments in and around Bicester in the last decade, thinking here particularly of course, of the Kingsmere Estate. If it were to be built at all, and let's all hope not, there would surely be sites with better access that don't have to increase the local traffic burden;
- This seems to me to be a very inward-looking development. It's my understanding that the resort will be for guests only, who will be encouraged to stay and to spend money on site. Overall, I don't see any route for bringing any benefit WHATSOEVER to the local economy. There will be the argument that employment opportunities will arise but this ought not to be taken seriously as these will be very limited low-skill positions and it's my understanding that employment is presently at record levels locally;
- Finally, I'm a member of the Bicester Golf Club, and it would be of great personal regret if the course was, in effect, to be closed (no serious golfers will want to play a 9-hole course). In these days of aging populations, it is incumbent on local government to ensure that successful, strongly supported local amenities that substantially enhance health and well-being are NOT LOST.

I sincerely hope that the Council will see sense and respect its wider societal obligations, and the wishes of the local community, and reject this appalling, unnecessary development.

Yours sincerely



Simon Davis.