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

Dear Sirs,

I would like to object to the application for a water theme park in Chesterton.

The scale of this proposal is totally unsuitable in this location. Chesterton is a small village and the proximity of this proposal to the village would result in serious harm to the character of the village and environs. It would be a very dominant and commercial feature and would bring a high level of urbanisation to Chesterton. The identity and perception of Chesterton as a village in its own right, and a haven from the expanding urban conurbation of the outskirts of Bicester town would be lost forever. I believe we should value and preserve our villages for their historic value and the community spirit they can provide, but having a massive theme park on the edge of any small village would inevitably ruin this. It would not be credible to claim the status of a small and historic village with such a gigantic and imposing development on the doorstep.

In addition, the significant increase in traffic through Chesterton, the surrounding villages and the general road network, is of serious concern. We already experience regular problems with regard to hold ups and delays, particularly on the A34, and the projected additional traffic would only exacerbate the problem.

This proposed development is not catering to, or called for by the local population. The catchment area of users is expected to be much further afield. However, the price paid by local people in terms of loss, is insupportable and therefore the application should be refused.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Anthony Hayward

