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

Dear Sirs

I object to the above application.

The loss to the community of an important and well supported local amenity, the full 18 hole golf course, is, in my opinion, unacceptable. Playing the remaining same 9 holes twice will not appeal to many of the current members and the loss of their membership will jeopardise the financial sustainability of the club.

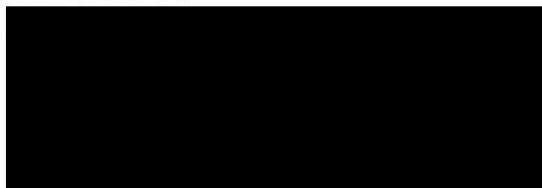
The huge increase in traffic which would be engendered by this proposal would put even further strain on the local and wider transport network which regularly fails to cope with existing traffic levels.

Bicester has one of the lowest unemployment levels in the country and will not be able to supply locally, the hundreds of domestic, traditionally low paid, workers who will be needed to service the hotel and restaurants. This category of workforce will essentially have to be recruited from much further afield. There is no public transport available which would give access to this site.

The enormous scale of this proposal would have an utterly disastrous effect on the character of the village. Great effort has been made to preserve Chesterton's identity as an historic village, mentioned in The Domesday Book, and resist any coalescence with urban development. A community woodland has been approved as part of a much wider designated buffer zone purely designed to protect Chesterton from urban influence and maintain its character and identity as a village. The sheer scale of this theme park, on the edge of the village, would be totally incongruous and would destroy the setting of the village and, indeed, its whole character. Chesterton would be identified in terms of the theme park and not as a separate, small, historic village community. No amount of landscaping could possibly disguise or mitigate the devastating impact this vast development would have on the village and surrounding area.

This proposal is, in my opinion, ridiculously and inappropriately sited, brings no local benefit, merely loss of amenity, compounds existing traffic problems, and is not needed. I trust The Council will see fit to refuse this application.

Yours faithfully,

A large black rectangular box redacting the signature of Mrs Lorna James.

Mrs Lorna James