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Cc: Clerk WestonontheGreen
Subject: Great Lakes UK Ltd – Planning Application No: 19/02550/F.

4th January 2019

Dear Sirs

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

I wish to submit my strong objection to a totally unnecessary Water Park on a green area of our county.

This is not in accordance with the local development plan and there are no material considerations that would warrant planning permission being granted. To concrete over even more green space would be an environmental disaster. It is neither needed or required.

Traffic problems

This will do huge damage to the traffic problems that we already have in this area. This proposal would also direct traffic onto the A34 which already encounters significant problems and frequent road accidents.

The existing road infrastructure (and that of surrounding villages) can't cope with an extra 1000+ daily increase in traffic volume, plus construction traffic. Weston on the Green is already a 'rat-run' and experiences major traffic congestion as an escape route during the many traffic issues on M40 or A34. Unacceptable routing plans via already stressed routes ie. Middleton Stoney, Weston on the Green and Wendlebury.

It adds to numerous other significant proposals that have been approved in Bicester recently (Kingsmere, Bicester Gateway, Bicester Heritage). The existing road networks cannot cope with this additional traffic and the proposal is in the wrong location.

Lack of Economic Benefits for Cherwell and Local Area

Hotel rooms are only available to Great Wolf resort guests. This does not assist the growth of other businesses in the areas providing employees with a place to stay overnight.

No local businesses support the scheme to reinforce Great Wolf's suggestions of economic benefits. Great Wolf aims to keep all guests on site to use their restaurants, bowling alleys, retail shops etc so economic benefits are retained by Great Wolf and not shared with local businesses in the local area

Local businesses are already finding it hard to recruit the employees Great Wolf will be targeting. As such, Great Wolf will either take employees away from local businesses which will have a negative economic impact, or they will bring in employment from other areas therefore increasing traffic movements.

Employment opportunities will be very small, poorly paid and by the developers own report transient in nature.

Great Wolf have been subject to financial difficulties in the US and may suffer similar problems due to their lack of understanding of what their project offers UK citizens and the major drawbacks to local people and our environment.

Similar projects (American Adventure) have failed within 20 years and have remained derelict, leaving the local authorities with the cost of demolition and redevelopment. There would clearly be a risk of substantial costs falling on Cherwell rate payers with little or no benefit.

We must refuse planning permission for this unwanted and totally unnecessary development.

Yours sincerely

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