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

Dear Sirs,

I whole-heartedly object to this application for a large-scale water theme park in the small village of Chesterton. It is where my family home is, and as such, I know the area well in enough to strongly believe that there is absolutely no need for such a development in this location, nor is it in line with the local development plan.

The proposed site is currently a stunning greenfield site providing a healthy outdoor facility for young children and their families, which will be lost to a vast, inappropriately sized concreted area with large uncharacteristic buildings for a small village, as well as spoiling the character of this area. Not only will the building be out of place but, in building on a greenfield site, there will be a significant lose of wildlife habitat, which goes against the general public feeling of conservation.

Having driven to and from my house for year, I am concerned by the 900-space car park, which indicates the anticipated huge volume of extra traffic that will be travelling to and from the site, causing yet more congestion issues on an already congested area. This will create a substantial increase in noise pollution, not to mention a decrease in air quality and the potentially adding to the associated health issues currently being identified nationally.

Aside from the traffic issue, I am concerned that the development will syphon off employees from existing local businesses who already struggling to find staff, thus leading to potential closures in buinesses at a tim when we are supposed to be supporting our highstreets and local enterprise. On the other hand, it could well draw in new employees who have to travel into the site, thereby compounding the traffic issues previously raise further. These low-skilled employment opportunities are also contrary to Cherwell's strategic aim of prioritising knowledge-based investment as a priority.

This resort will not be open to the public. The possibility of being offered expensive day passes will be solely dependent upon poor hotel occupancy, which is obviously not in the developers' plans! As the majority of guests are encouraged to stay and spend their money on site, there will be negligible economic benefit to the local hospitality industry.

Once again, I strongly object to this unwanted and unneeded proposal, completely out of keeping with its rural location, and ask that it be refused.

Yours faithfully,

____Carl Sucharyan Thomas____
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