

# Comment for planning application 19/02550/F

<b>Application Number</b>	19/02550/F
<b>Location</b>	Land to the east of M40 and south of A4095 Chesterton Bicester Oxon
<b>Proposal</b>	Redevelopment of part of golf course to provide new leisure resort (sui generis) incorporating waterpark, family entertainment centre, hotel, conferencing facilities and restaurants with associated access, parking and landscaping
<b>Case Officer</b>	Clare Whitehead
<b>Organisation Name</b>	Fritwell Parish Council
<b>Address</b>	11 Mays Close, Fritwell, Bicester, OX27 7QN
<b>Type of Comment</b>	Objection
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>Ref: Great Lakes UK Ltd - Application Ref: 19/02550/F Dear Sir, I am writing on behalf of Fritwell Parish Council, to express our grave concerns over the application by Great Lakes UK Ltd., referenced above. Fritwell is surrounded by a road network already at breaking point. Traffic on the M40 and A43 is at capacity and congestion is frequent and frustrating to local residents. As soon as an incident occurs in the vicinity of our small village, the narrow roads become a 'rat-run', creating hazardous conditions for residents, especially parents and children attending the primary school. Furthermore, attempting to join the B430 at Ardley-with-Fewcott is already a treacherous undertaking during morning and evening peak times, when traffic diverts off off the M40 at junction 10 in high volumes, to avoid delays southbound. This Great Lakes UK Ltd development would compound the problems on this already overloaded road to a totally unacceptable degree. It is our understanding that this proposal would direct much of the traffic related to the development under consideration, both during construction and operation, via the B430 and B4030 towards the site. These routes provide local people with access to Bicester Town Centre, Bicester Village, the Tesco Superstore and the new retail park due to open shortly. Many residents have already expressed dismay at the prospect of being unable to reach these centres in a stress-free way and may well decide to shop elsewhere if this development proceeds. Thus, the loss of footfall to these commercial and retail outlets will be considerable and call their viability into question. The reputation of the A34 is well known and widespread. Any further additional traffic on this already notorious route will have grave consequences for local commuters to Oxford and beyond and also for those travelling to the Oxford City hospitals and Oxford's commercial and leisure facilities. The lack of planned routes into the proposed site from the west will compound the traffic issues on the roads already identified as problematic. This proposed development, in an historic village in North Oxfordshire, is unsustainable and totally inappropriate to the rural setting, incurring irreparable loss of visual and recreational amenities, is totally out of keeping with the surrounding area, involves building on a greenfield site and destroying valuable habitats for wildlife. With its vast car parking provision, vehicular transport would be encouraged, adding to greenhouse gas emissions, air and noise pollution. For the above reasons, Fritwell Parish Council strongly urges Cherwell District Council to reject this proposal outright.</p>
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<b>Attachments</b>	