

Comment for planning application 19/02550/F

Application Number	19/02550/F
Location	Land to the east of M40 and south of A4095 Chesterton Bicester Oxon
Proposal	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
Case Officer	Clare Whitehead
Organisation Name	Dr Andrew Thomas
Address	The Stone Barn,1 Home Farm Close,Chesterton,Bicester,OX26 1TZ
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I strongly object to the proposed development as it contravenes both national and local policies including: National Planning Policy Framework (2012) Planning Practice Guidance (2014) Cherwell Local Plan (2011-2031) PSD1: Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development ESD10: Protection and Enhancement of Biodiversity and the Natural Environment ESD13: Local Landscape Protection and Enhancement ESD15: The Character of the Built and Historic Environment Cherwell Local Plan 1996 (saved policies) Sporadic development in the open countryside There are likely to be upwards of 2000 vehicle movements a day. This is not sustainable on a road system that is already frequently congested, with roads around Chesterton being little more than narrow country roads. The proposal suggests there will be benefit to local businesses. Visitors stay at complexes like these (as in the US) for at most two nights, with all services including meals and being provided on-site. The likelihood therefore of visitors to the complex venturing into Bicester for meals or other entertainment is likely to be minimal. The proposal suggests there will be additional employment opportunities. The required number of staff is considerable more than the local number of unemployed people. This will require potential employees to be brought in from elsewhere, further increasing congestion on the roads. The majority of the potential employees will be low skill, low wage employees which is at odds with the stated desire of Bicester - as part of the Oxford - Cambridge arc - to encourage high skill, high technology employers. On this basis I strongly object to this unsustainable development.</p>
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