

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	zoe johnson
Address	The Elms,Bletchington Road,Kirtlington,Kidlington,OX5 3HF
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I object to the proposed Great Wolf "resort" in Chesterton. I know that you will be considering the application on Thursday. I am unable to attend the meeting but I hope that you will consider these submissions. The proposed scheme will greatly increase the volume of traffic on the surrounding roads. I understand the forecasts are for 1800 vehicles a day and a car park for 900. The local infrastructure is already heaving and cannot sustain this increased volume. More significantly, I have seen no evidence that the environmental impact of the scheme has been assessed properly and robustly. The district council will I am sure want to take into account the recent case of R v Friends of the Earth v The Secretary of State for Transport and Others [the Heathrow case]. As you are aware the court held that the Paris Agreement 2015 is government policy on climate change which as a matter of law must be taken into account in any decision. In that case failure so to do vitiated the government's decision. I am sure you would agree that a district council should honour the spirit of government policy. That policy was subsequently spelt out in the Government paper, "The Clean Growth Strategy" first published in 2017, the Secretary of State for Energy and Industrial Strategy stated: "The UK played a central role in securing the 2015 Paris Agreement in which, for the first time, 195 countries (representing over 90 per cent of global economic activity) agreed stretching national targets to keep the global temperature rise [well] below two degrees. The actions and investments that will be needed to meet the Paris commitments will ensure the shift to clean growth will be at the forefront of policy and economic decisions made by government and businesses in the coming decades . " (my emphasis). I would urge the district council to be ambitious in its desire to follow government policy in this area. The proposed resort will only increase, not reduce, greenhouse gas emissions. The expansion of the golf course will adversely affect the flora and fauna of the site. The public interest is not in the questionable economic benefit of this resort but in ensuring that any development is sustainable and in line with the climate targets set by government.</p>
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