



The Old Post Office,
Main Street,
Sibford Gower,
Banbury,
Oxfordshire, OX15 5RT.
30th. January 2020.

The Planning Department,
Cherwell District Council, North Oxfordshire,
Bodicote House,
Banbury, Oxfordshire, OX15 4AA.



Dear Mr. Neville,

Re: 19/02700/F Development at Mawles Farm, Sibford Gower.

I would like to object to this development on the grounds below.

Parking is a serious concern in all historic villages. On Road Parking should not be allowed when it is unnecessary.

The Farmhouse, which has been separated from this site, is a four bedroom house, it has no front garden virtually no back garden and no storage for waste bins but more seriously no off road parking. In 2020 we can expect one or two vehicles per bedroom this is a busy and congested part of the village.

The proposed driveway onto Main Street should not be granted because: There is inadequate visibility due to the barn walls, which are built at the edge of a narrow pavement. Infant and junior aged school children walk by, to attend Sibford Gower Endowed Primary School.

The site is on a blind corner at the crossroads, Busses and school busses, delivery vans etc. already have a problem. Cars approach the corner from Pound Lane frequently driving too fast around the corner, which is a great concern for parents with children going to and returning home at the end of the school day.

The access onto Pound Lane has always been used for farm machinery and vehicles. There is better visibility with the verge in front of the barn. This entrance should provide parking for all the vehicles for the proposed properties and also parking for the farmhouse.

The proposed building to replace the open shed/barn will be seen from the road. This is a conservation area and buildings should be sympathetically designed to suit the surrounding area. It looks like an industrial building for intensive farming or industrial use. It is flat, ugly and characterless. It should be softened in design and have more of an open barn character.

Most old buildings in the village have slate roofs. Tin roofs will look cheap and not enhance the building.

Your sincerely


Mrs Mary Elizabeth Mulley