

Comment for planning application 19/02708/OUT

Application Number	19/02708/OUT
Location	Bicester Heritage Buckingham Road Bicester
Proposal	Outline:- Provide new employment units comprising B1 (Business), B2 (General Industrial), B8 (Storage) and D1 (Education) uses with ancillary offices, storage, display and sales, with all matters reserved except for access
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Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I am objecting on behalf of and in my capacity of Secretary of the Caversfield Management Committee that manages the Brashfield Park Estate which consists of 88 houses. The Brashfield Park Estate is situated directly opposite Bicester Heritage, along the Buckingham Road. Our estate is historically linked to what was previously known as RAF Bicester as it consists of 88 houses that were once Airmen's quarters. We are still linked even now as part of our housing estate is in the conservation area that the site previously known as RAF Bicester is part of. We have grave concerns about the development that is being planned both in the way of what it will mean for this historic airfield in the long term as well as the impact it is going to have on the local residents in the immediate neighbourhood. Firstly the proposed access to F.A.S.T. from Skimmingdish Lane. Skimmingdish Lane is part of the ring road around Bicester but in comparison to the rest of the ring road there are already several access points onto it that have no slip roads and are unsafe due to the 50 mile/hrs speed limit. On the airfield side of Skimmingdish there is no foot or cycle path. There is no safe place to cross apart from by the existing care home at the very end. Allowing access from Skimmingdish to F.A.S.T. would basically mean that you can really only safely get to it by car. That, for the local residents, means more traffic, more noise, more air pollution. Walking or cycling would be dangerous. Walking or cycling from within the site we would assume not to be a safe option either as it is an airfield and not normally a place where anyone can just wonder around. Is there not also a plan somewhere that turns Skimmingdish Lane into a dual carriageway in time to come? Secondly, included in this planning application is Bicester Heritages "vision" of the site. Whereas the application is for one set of buildings, it is obvious that, having already obtained planning for a hotel, there is no intention to stop until the whole perimeter of this historic airfield has buildings on it. For all the surrounding houses and particularly for our estate this can only correspond into a massive increase in traffic, noise and air pollution. We believe that in the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Bicester 8 is shown as planned to be for recreational use. What exactly is recreational about all these buildings? It seems fairly obvious that putting all these buildings along the perimeter of the flying field the one recreational thing that is happening on the site, ie flying, will become too dangerous to carry on. 6.9 Policy Bicester 8 also states that proposals must "preserve the openness of the airfield" and "the continuation of gliding use will be supported". We have noted a throw away comment from the Agents that says that as there are already warehouses along the road, some more buildings won't make much difference. What about "preserving the openness of the airfield"? We never have and still do not have any issues with having an airfield on our doorstep, especially as in this day and age with greater awareness of the environmental issues, we are attuned to the fact that flying at the site is primarily gliding which is probably one of the most eco friendly forms of aviation. However, although Bicester Heritage has bought an airfield, their plans primarily involve motor cars. Very old and valuable cars that are NOT eco friendly. We can also see that there is very little here for the average resident of Bicester town. Four Scrambles and a Fly wheel which has now turned into a Super Scramble, ie 5 days in the whole year, is hardly "recreational use" for the people of Bicester. We are going to see people (and let's face it, people at a high worth) travel into the area to visit the site to drive on tracks, stay in luxury lodges or glamp. And for those that live along Skimmingdish Lane and Buckingham Road in particular and for the rest of Bicester residents that can only mean: Lots of traffic, noise pollution and air pollution. On behalf of our 88 households we feel that we will end up feeling all the pain for absolutely no gain. Bicester Garden City, Bicester Eco Town, Bicester Traffic nightmare, Bicester Air pollution. All this doesn't really mesh. We urge the planners to think of the bigger picture and give Bicester residents the recreational area that was in the plan, not this</p>

Motoring Theme Park for out of town visitors. On behalf of 88 households at the Brashfield Park Estate, Caversfield M Green Secretary of the Management Committee

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