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 | RAF Bicester is an important part of the UK's aviation heritage and should be preserved for the nation in its entirety. We already have a race track a few miles away at Silverstone, cutting up the grass airfield to add another racetrack plus a "4x4" experience seems pointless. In addition the proposed location for both vehicular events are very close to existing residential areas - leading to increased noise levels and exposure to higher levels of air pollution from the racetrack activities for the nearby residents. Bicester Heritage has done a fine job of repurposing the old airfield buildings with the specialist motor industry businesses and interests. The new technical site currently under construction will enhance this. The same cannot be said of the planned racetrack and 4x4 experience. Tracks in woodland or moorland etc are the right places for offroad 4x4 vehicles, not a pristine grass airfield. Likewise existing race tracks a good distance away from residential areas should be fully utilised for racing cars. I feel that attention should be on preserving and enhancing the aviation aspect and history of the airfield rather than cutting it up and losing an important part of the country's aviation history. An aircraft museum and specialist aviation industries similar to the motor vehicle businesses should be explored and considered. I object to the current plans. They are ill thought out and should be rejected by the council.

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