

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
Case Officer	Rebekah Morgan
Organisation Name	Chris Littler
Address	65 Thompson Drive,Caversfield,Bicester,OX27 8FA
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I strongly object to this planning application as it is an over-development of this historic airfield in the context of a heritage site; and the residents of Caversfield and the surrounding areas will have to contend with much more motor engine noise, air pollution and traffic congestion if this planning application is approved. While some parts of the Bicester Heritage (BH) application initially seem reasonable, for example the nature reserve with footpaths & cycle ways to the north of the site, most conservationists would argue that the wildlife value would be minimal with that amount of human activity. However, there are other parts of the BH application that seem absolutely absurd, an example being the creation of an 'automotive demonstration & experience' area directly opposite a large residential area and care home. To date, Bicester Heritage haven't shown any regard for the residents of Caversfield, in that, there are no noise reduction methods employed at the western side of the site, with motor vehicles creating large amounts of engine and tyre noise as they race around the old airfield taxi-ways. This noise often starts at 8am and can last up until 5pm, and can be heard 1.6km from the site, albeit not every day but nevertheless it is an awful din that disturbs the peace for many residents for the enjoyment of the few. Any natural form of sound barrier, e.g. trees and shrubs, will take at least 20 years to grow to be effective. As the Silverstone race circuit is only several miles away, do we really need another race track in the area? Another concern is that of the increase in vehicular traffic that will be present on the A4421 during so-called 'event days'. It is very difficult to exit Thompson Drive onto the A4421 on some 'event days' now and if the BH site is to attract even more visitors then serious thought needs to be given to the traffic control/management scheme that is employed at the north-western access gate. And while the expansion of such a venture does create employment opportunities, how many local people are/will be actually employed on the BH site? I would also point out that when BH first acquired the site, we were given the impression that it would be for the preservation of an historical airfield and not for the purposes of providing racetrack facilities. To conclude, I can see no advantages to this planning application - only disadvantages.</p>
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