

Comment for planning application 19/02796/F

Application Number	19/02796/F
Location	OS Parcels 3309 And 4319 Adjoining And North Of Milton Road Adderbury
Proposal	Erection of sports & community pavilion with associated carpark and sport facilities (outdoor pitches and MUGA) following planning consent for change of use of agricultural land to sport/recreation and community use (18/00220/F)
Case Officer	Matthew Chadwick
Organisation Name	Laurie Mayer
Address	3 Henge Close, Adderbury, Banbury, OX17 3GA
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Dear Matthew Chadwick, My first observation regarding this application is that, with respect, the potential impact on the local community is simply too great for the decision to be made by an individual and should go before the full planning committee. The long history of this project has been highly controversial. You will recall the resignation of leading figures on the special sub committee specially appointed by Adderbury Parish Council to canvass local opinion and produce a plan for the site. They quit claiming the parish council simply ignored their recommendations and rode roughshod over their concept. There was further controversy over rumoured misinformation put out by the parish council in advance of the poll it arranged to gauge local support for the scheme. As a consequence many in the community doubt there really is the overwhelming support claimed by the parish. Such an historical context strongly suggests it would be only common sense and good policy for the application to be fully and thoroughly scrutinised as widely as possible. I am also concerned that the application does not conform to planning guidelines on environmental, social and economic impacts. There would appear to be no evidential base for locating such a substantial facility on the edge of the community. As far as I am aware no actual need for additional sports pitches has been identified or demonstrated. In fact the imminent development of 800 new homes at Twyford/Bodicote with 6 new football pitches would seem to make further sports pitches at Milton road somewhat superfluous. The traffic projections are significant. Additional traffic at weekends will be very considerable - approximating to weekday rush hours i.e. around 500 two way trips along Milton Road - and yet it is simply asserted that the road capacity can cope. I find it worrying that there seems to be no mention of any roadworks to improve junctions, filter traffic, no fresh signage or islands to slow traffic or facilitate pedestrian crossing. Road safety is already a major local concern and this application will only raise fears. The concomitant increase in noise and light pollution are further causes for concern. Will there be floodlights? How will local gardens and properties be protected from light pollution and stray cricket balls/ footballs etc. Will there be tall hedges/fences? Why is the car parking sited alongside the residential edge the plan and not along the Ball Colegrave business boundary? What opening hours are contemplated? Is the scheme economically sustainable? Will there be music festivals or weddings? How do we know who will actually make use of the facility? Could it be a drain on the public purse? Has anyone seen a business plan of any kind let alone a robust one? One has been promised by the parish for well over a year but I have yet to meet anyone who has actually seen it. As newcomers to Adderbury we welcome the Milton road site being used for the benefit of the wider community but we have been alarmed at the manner in which local opinion has been routinely railroaded, manipulated or simply ignored at parish level. Although our back garden borders the application area your letter is the first time we have been formally consulted on the plan. We trust the decision making process will make good this democratic deficit and address our numerous unanswered questions. Yours sincerely, Laurie Mayer</p>
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