

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	
Name	James and Anne O'Neill
Address	19 Henge Close, Adderbury, Banbury, OX17 3GA
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Dear Sir / Madam Reference planning application 19/02796/F, OS parcels 3309 and 4319 adjoining and north of Milton Road Adderbury. As residents of Henge Close in West Adderbury we would like to comment on this application. We have no objection, in principle, to the establishment of sporting facilities as an addition to the range and diversity of local amenities. We are sure that at the inception of this development a reasonable case could be made for the need for extra facility despite having the Lucy Plackett field and the existing amenities at the centre of the village. This was clearly in need of some upgrading and cash support but would cost so much less than the facility that is the subject of this application. The argument based on the 'need' for more sporting provision is no longer sustainable or credible given the planned development of 6 new pitches as part of the housing development the other side of the village on the Oxford Road at Bodicote. This must surely place the LNOMR into realms of a potential 'white elephant' and raise questions about the proper use of public funds as well as the appropriate disbursement of Section 106 funds - derived from the Henge Close (Clockmakers' Turn) development. I fail to understand how this qualifies as a 'Community Development'. It will be a well-illuminated noisy eyesore. Requests have been made at Parish Council Meetings for a detailed and costed business plan for the capital outlay as well as the sources of revenue to ensure that, should this centre be built there will be sufficient funds to pay ground staff and bar staff. No fully costed plan was produced despite many requests: in its place there were presentations comprising architects watercolour concepts which seem to indicate that the buildings proposed are getting larger and larger and the 'footprint' getting wider. There are four hostleries in the village: is there a need for another one on the Milton Road? We wish to add the observations below to my comments and objection to the existing planning application should it be passed in its current form. This development primarily affects the residential amenity of residents who live next to the site, namely those of Henge Close. It is worth noting that none of us have had the chance to comment on the initial change of use of the land as we are relatively new to the village. Therefore I would like to make the following points: 1. Traffic, this is a major point as all concerned, including the police, are now aware of the problems with speeding traffic along the Milton Road approaching the 30 mph limit of West Adderbury. The use of this development will increase the traffic flow considerably, particularly when football games are being held. Little attention has been paid to serious traffic calming in this area to ensure that 'serial speeders' are punished: painted gates etc have little effect on these dangerous drivers; It is stated in the application that the proposed sports centre will be an amenity for the village. The centre as proposed is an amenity for a range of villages and areas and not just for Adderbury. In that context it will require users to travel on already overcrowded roads either by cars or cycles. This will add to the already well-publicised problems of speeding and danger to road users. The ingress and egress to the site is far too close to the exits from Adderbury Fields and Henge Close as well as St Mary's Road with an obviously greater likelihood of collision and personal injury. 2. Noise, it is a well-known fact that noise, including bad language, is a problem for nearby residents when football matches are being played on the current ground at the Lucy Plackett playing fields. 3. Hours of operation, in relation to point 2 it would be sensible to impose time limited conditions on the use of the facilities. There will be a clubhouse for the footballers which is also intended be used by other groups of people and it is only fair that any activity does not go on past a reasonable time in the evening, so as not to cause disturbance for residents living next to the site. 4. Lighting, for car parking needs to be low level so as not to cause unnecessary disturbance for nearby residents. I note that floodlighting for the pitches has not been included in the application, however floodlighting for the MUGA court is included. I object to this and any</p>

future applications for floodlighting for pitches on the following grounds: a) The proposed floodlighting masts are approximately 90m from the Adderbury Conservation Area. The floodlights would be visible from some vantages in the Conservation Area and indeed the surrounding built-up area of Adderbury. b) There would be a distinct 'glow' when in use in the evenings from the direction of the MUGA which would have an impact on the Conservation Area, especially given that there is no street lighting in the area and cause harm to the visual amenities of the area. c) There is a large bat population in the area and such illumination would impact of their flight paths and affect the population status of this protected species.

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