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Dear Matthew,

On 22 July 2019 Cherwell District Council declared a Climate Emergency, and pledged to become carbon neutral by 2030.

According to the associated report: "In order to reach the zero carbon target, it will affect what and how we deliver services in the future, ultimately affecting **all parts of the Council's activities** but primarily the leisure, facilities, fleet, IT, **planning**, economic development, housing, communities and HR teams".

We object to the above planning application on the basis that it makes no contribution whatsoever towards the above target; in fact, it is entirely unclear how (or if) this target has been considered as part of this application.

The site currently comprises a field of vegetation surrounded by hedges. This application will remove the existing vegetation and replace it only partially with grass pitches. The remainder of the site will be paved (MUGA, car park) or built on. The overall reduction in vegetation, and in particular broad-leaved plants, will dramatically reduce the ability of the site to absorb carbon emissions.

The design and access statement makes references to "opportunities" for solar/PV but makes no commitment to providing sources of alternative energy to heat and light the proposed building, or to power the associated floodlighting.

Additionally, and more seriously, the application will generate additional traffic to and from the site. As can be seen from the letters of support and opposition, the main users of the site live predominantly in Twyford, rather than within walking distance (in fact, the new facilities at Banbury United's site will be substantially closer to these residents than the Milton Road site). Therefore, the proposed application will increase carbon emissions, and local air pollution.

The site came into the ownership of Adderbury Parish Council with a restrictive covenant not to use the site other than for community or sports uses. One of the early suggestions for the site was proposed by the late Mr Peter Burrows, Chairman of the Adderbury Conservation Action Group. Mr Burrow's suggestion was to use the site to create a new woodland, which would include play areas, sports pitches, a trim trail and other community assets. This proposed use would have significantly increased the ability of the site to absorb carbon emissions and would therefore have contributed significantly to CDC's carbon neutral target. Instead, the current application proposes to plant a pathetic number of trees along one short area of the site boundary, to screen adjacent housing.

This site represents a once in a lifetime opportunity to create a woodland site which will significantly reduce local carbon emissions and improve air quality, while providing a range of community assets suitable for young and old. Building over this green site to provide very limited facilities, which are duplicated elsewhere, is a wasted opportunity, and appears in direct opposition to CDC's efforts to combat the Climate Emergency.

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