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

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Organisation

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Type of Comment

Support

Type

neighbour

Comments

This facility will undoubtedly provide a fantastic community resource for the village of Adderbury in so many ways. It will help keep people fit and healthy by giving them opportunities to exercise (a key part of the government's initiatives to encourage people to take responsibility for their own health); it will provide the growing village population with a much needed larger community facility for social gatherings (as the current available facilities do not have space for large village events, and will also enable villagers to host their own social events, e.g. when marking major life events) the many groups within the village for people of all ages (including the world famous Morris dancing teams, youth groups, societies, sports clubs, etc.), and possibly also in ways we haven't thought of yet. The village population has voted in favour of this facility no fewer than 3 times (including 2 referenda and a Parish Poll), clearly demonstrating that they are strongly in favour of it. There is, however, a very vocal minority who will seemingly stop at nothing to try to prevent this scheme from going ahead, despite the repeated, clear democratic mandates that have been given by the majority of the village population. The campaign waged by this minority has caused considerable stress and anguish to many villagers who support the project, and some have even received verbal abuse in Parish meetings, and this minority simply do not care how many people they hurt in their determination to get their way. It is long past time for this to stop. The village has spoken 3 times, the courts have thrown out legal challenges, it is now time for the will of the people to be respected. Given the current crisis in this country, it will be more important than ever for the community to have somewhere they can come together once this is over, rather than having precious land that has been given over for community benefit becoming little more than a dog walking facility for the privileged few.

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