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To: Matthew Chadwick

Subject: 19/02796/F - URGENT, COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW REQUESTED

Importance: High

Dear Mr Chadwick

We object to the above planning application on the basis that a petition for a Community Governance Review (CGR) requesting the reinstatement of a separate parish council for West Adderbury has been submitted.

A decision on the above planning application should be deferred until the outcome of this CGR has been decided, for the following reasons.

1. A reinstated West Adderbury parish council would have a much smaller precept and would therefore be unable to afford to build and maintain this hugely expensive project. As such, the proposed development would not be sustainable, and would place an undue burden on the finances of West Adderbury going forwards.
2. It is clear from the letters of objection to this application that the majority of supporters live in Twyford and East Adderbury, and that the majority of residents of West Adderbury are opposed to the development. A reinstated West Adderbury parish council would almost certainly wish to implement a less urbanised and more rural use for this site, in keeping with the needs and interests of West Adderbury residents.
3. The CGR has in part been requested because residents in West Adderbury believe that this specific planning application is representative of the divide between East and West Adderbury. West Adderbury residents are concerned to protect the rural nature of their community and to mitigate the increased traffic flows caused by existing and proposed new development, concerns which are not shared by Twyford and East Adderbury. A decision on this planning application would pre-empt one of the key issues which should be considered under the CGR.

Should Cherwell District Council fail to defer this planning decision until after the results of the CGR, it would amount to "a decision which is so outrageous in its defiance of logic or of accepted moral standards that no sensible person who had applied his mind to the question to be decided could have arrived at it." (GCHQ [1985], per Lord Diplock). In other words, to pre-empt the CGR process, and to saddle a prospective West Adderbury parish council with an unsustainable development, against the express wishes of the local community, would be both illogical and immoral, and would almost certainly satisfy the requirements of the Wednesbury unreasonableness test, and may well lead to a judicial review of the decision being sought.

Best regards,

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