

Comment for planning application 20/01127/F

Application Number	20/01127/F
Location	Hatch End Old Poultry Farm Steeple Aston Road Middle Aston Bicester OX25 5QL
Proposal	Demolition of existing buildings. Erection of replacement business units, ancillary hub and associated external works.
Case Officer	James Kirkham
Organisation Name	Abigail Boisot
Address	Lockhall Cottage,Cow Lane,Steeple Aston,Bicester,OX25 4SG
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Dear Sir/Madam, I am writing to object to the above mentioned application at Hatch End. We live in Steeple Aston and both our children attend Dr. Radcliffe's Primary School. We understand the site has potential for development but feel its rural location needs to be taken into account. This particular road is completely unsuitable for a business development of this scale due to the high volume of traffic. Steeple Aston and Middle Aston are rural villages and people from both villages walk, cycle, ride along this stretch of road frequently. We walk our children and dogs there all the time. There is no pavement and the traffic during morning school run and all afternoon from when the school breaks up is already too much. We already have an issue with parking around the school and preschool, so cars often park on the verge leading from the proposed site to the school gates. We are trying to encourage all children in both villages to walk or cycle to school to improve fitness, and to make them aware of the environment, it's already a treacherous stretch of road. The traffic through Steeple Aston on most mornings is horrendous, and our biggest concern would be the safety of the children. We live on Cow Lane so our children have to cross Payne's Hill every morning and afternoon, and cars come rushing up the hill at speed all the time, not stopping to let us cross. This kind of development will make traffic much, much worse, as well as endangering our children on the way to and from school. The idea that people are going to cycle or take the bus to work is preposterous! There are no bus services to accommodate a commute to work, and it would mean people cycling along a dual carriage way if coming from Banbury, Adderbury or Deddington. This is just not going to happen, so people will get into their cars to drive there and back every day. Your application does not take into account HGV traffic which will have to go through Steeple Aston during construction. Access to the site will have to come through Steeple Aston as there is only one way through Middle Aston from the Banbury Road and no HGV's are allowed. Traffic will also increase between on an already busy one lane North Aston road. We've experienced HGV traffic throughout the year as a cottage on Fir Lane was being renovated all last year, and it's been an absolute nightmare, causing frequent bottlenecks and traffic jams. The size of this development would mean trucks and skip lorries going through our village all the time. Again this would be a nightmare in terms of pollution, disruption and would increase the risk of a child being injured. The entrance from the Banbury road would be right next to the church, which is a blind bend and Fir Lane on that bit of road is one lane only, meaning that cars have to wait to access the road in both directions. This stretch of road is right next to Dr Radcliffe's school, the village playground and playing field, not to mention Steeple Aston Preschool that has their access right on that road, with no pavement. There have already been a few near misses just outside the preschool. There is also a footpath with a kissing gate that runs along the side of the development accessed next to the school. People from the villages use that footpath every day to access Middle Aston and Steeple Aston. The footpath access is on a blind bend, it is already dangerous for anyone trying to walk next to the school as there is no visibility. The idea of encouraging more traffic onto an already busy, dangerous and badly maintained stretch of road seems very irresponsible and ill thought out. In terms of the actual design, the proposed development seems much, much taller than the existing buildings, and not in keeping with the area. Any development of the site should be within its existing footprint and have a height restriction. Kind Regards, Abigail Boisot & Matt Butcher</p>
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