

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	Richard Martin
Address	Rectory Farm House, North Side, Steeple Aston, Bicester, OX25 4SE
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>My primary objection to this proposed development relates to the location of the site and the impact on traffic. The roads surrounding the development are small, rural roads. Many people walk / jog / cycle / dog walk between Steeple Aston and Middle Aston as part of a circular exercise route around those villages and the part of the route between Steeple Aston and Middle Aston has no pavement so people are always walking on the road itself. This includes people who walk to and from the primary school in Steeple Aston from Middle Aston village. Therefore, I strongly believe that these rural roads are not set up to take additional traffic of the scale being mentioned in these proposals. The vehicles of the workers at the site are one thing but that will be multiplied further by supplies and deliveries. Furthermore, significant construction activity at the site initially is also a concern. The site is just down from the local primary school and as a recent School Governor I am aware of how dangerous the stretch of road outside the school already is, with a number of near misses. Just the parent and coach traffic (as well as people cycling to school) is already enough and leads to daily traffic chaos, so to add construction traffic into that equation can only make things more dangerous on an already narrow stretch of road. The site is in a rural location, not particularly close to any bus stop, nor train station so it is clear to me that people will drive and it is that additional traffic through both the construction phase and the later operational phase that causes me the most concern with this proposal. I actually think some limited investment into the site to tidy it up and provide some job opportunities is a good thing. However, I think the scale of what is being proposed here is just not commensurate with its very rural location nor its closeness to some of the other village amenities (school, pre-school, playground) located very nearby.</p>
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