

# Comment for planning application 20/01127/F

<b>Application Number</b>	20/01127/F
<b>Location</b>	Hatch End Old Poultry Farm Steeple Aston Road Middle Aston Bicester OX25 5QL
<b>Proposal</b>	Demolition of existing buildings. Erection of replacement business units, ancillary hub and associated external works.
<b>Case Officer</b>	James Kirkham
<b>Organisation Name</b>	Revd Marcus Green
<b>Address</b>	The Rectory, Fir Lane, Steeple Aston, Bicester, OX25 4SF
<b>Type of Comment</b>	Objection
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>I wish to object to this application for the following reasons: * The road infrastructure in Steeple Aston is inadequate for a development of this size. 30 units of the size described will bring a marked increase from the current 15 employees on site. There may be over 40 parking spaces on site, but they are not used. The increase to 97 is therefore not a doubling but at least a ten-fold increase of daily occupancy. Moreover, if the units are fully occupied, the 97 spaces are acknowledged as being insufficient so cars will be parked along the single-track Fir Lane and blocking access both to Dr Radcliffe's School and the historic St Peter and St Paul parish church. * The number of cars accessing the site every day will be mainly using the single track access roads of Steeple Aston, North Side, South Side, Paines Hill &amp; Fir Lane. These roads are not made for large numbers of cars at pinch points and do not have passing places. Extra traffic added to school traffic endangers schoolchildren - many of whom walk to and from the school and pre-school. The regular degradation of Fir Lane and its surface repairs speak to the problems of usage of the road and how 100-200 more cars a day would be inappropriate. * Excess parking from employees in the new units on Fir Lane will cause accidents through lack of visibility especially at end of school day. Children's lives will be put at risk. * As cars from the new units spread into Steeple Aston, homeowners will find that their way of life is disadvantaged. Many have no off-road parking. Not only will this cause great pain during the construction phase, but people will find that suddenly they cannot park at funerals and the medieval grade II* listed church building will be placed out of reach of mourners. * What risk has been assessed to the medieval grade II* listed St Peter and St Paul during the construction phase? With regular large vehicles passing by, a great strain will be placed upon the building. * The buildings themselves are inappropriate. Designed for an urban business park, they are completely out of place in a rural setting. Metal walls, windows and roofs have no place in this beautiful rural village. * The heating system will be excessively noisy for a rural setting: in this place, the very many bird types listed in the wildlife report can be very clearly heard. Every day. A large development of this type relying on the heating system described will change the audio environment of this rural setting permanently. No longer will we hear skylarks and nightingales. We will hear a heating system and feel like we are in an urban environment. The workers will go home - but we will be left with their noise all the time. *The wildlife environment of the public pathway at the southern side of the site will be permanently ruined. Deer run on this walkway. Birds nest. Villagers exercise in the middle of a natural blessing. Metal huts and hundreds of cars and the noise of air heating ducts will destroy this environment. * This development respects neither setting nor place nor infrastructure nor people nor any other part of village life in Steeple and Middle Aston. I wholeheartedly object, and as a resident on Fir Lane, rector of Steeple Aston, and someone who walks past this site every day I am sorry that I received no formal notification of this application but nonetheless register my objection to it.</p>
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