

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	Chris Nevile
Address	Wickhams,Paines Hill,Steeple Aston,Bicester,OX25 4SQ
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I wish to register my strong objection to this development. Its size and positioning pose a danger to residents of both villages and potentially serious disruption and damage to the buildings and infrastructure due to an increase in heavy traffic. 1. The site is right next to the playing fields , childrens playground, well used footpath and village school. To seek to push any more traffic through the village of Steeple Aston (SA) would undoubtedly increase the dangers posed to the younger members of our small, quiet community. 2. Southside, Northside and Paines Hill in SA are narrow and in places twisty with limited visibility and no passing room. If the option was to seek to route building lorries and spoil through Middle Aston (MA) this is a small quiet hamlet and would cause ruinous noise and disruption. In any case the road from MA to the Banbury road is in poor repair, narrow and has a dangerous blind corner. 3. Many of the houses in the village are quite old and were built at a time when foundations were shallow or non existent. A house opposite us further up the hill is already having building works done for subsidence. This could have been caused by traffic and this applies to our own house Wickhams in Paines Hill. If a tractor goes by the house shakes and this can be felt throughout the building. We are very alarmed at the prospect of any lorries being routed through the village and would naturally seek compensation if that were to be the case causing damage to our home. In any case I am not sure heavy large traffic could negotiate the narrow part of Paines Hill and would pose a problem at the crowded intersection of Paines Hill and Southside. As we do not have a drive we have to park on the road which further narrows access. If the council propped any measures which might increase traffic in the village we would demand 10mph limits , traffic calming measures and possibly a one way system. 4. It seems to me absurd that anyone should be considering any additional commercial offices when the demand for these is already much reduced and certain to fall in the post COVID world, my own company is looking to reduce space and I dont know many companies who arent. This has the potential to be a white elephant which never achieves full occupancy and remains as a blight on the area. People are looking to work from home not in an office as we now enter the heart of the digital age. There is going to be ample empty commercial space around the county as a result of this change without adding to it. I therefore urge the Council to reject this ill considered application.</p>
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