

8, Hill House, Southside, Steeple Aston. OX25 4SD

June 12th 2020

Dear Mr Kirkham,

Re: Planning Application 20/01127/F

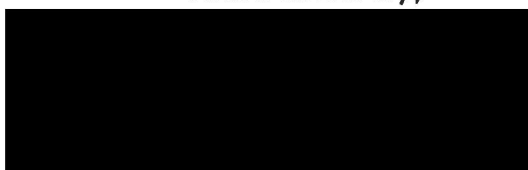
I write to object strongly to the proposed re-development of the old Poultry Farm at Hatch End on the outskirts of Middle Aston. While a small commercial unit providing work for the kind of numbers of people who are already based there (about 15 I think) is perfectly acceptable, the prospect of up to 30 two-storey units is far from reasonable on this site. It represents the kind of expansion which would seriously affect the character of both Steeple Aston and Middle Aston, disrupt village life and would be simply unsuitable there. We value the rural nature of our villages which would be damaged by such a development.

The infrastructure of both villages could not cope – first of all with the disruption, the traffic and disturbance during the building stage. The village roads are narrow. In Steeple Aston, Southside, Paine's Hill and Fir Lane are already somewhat congested. Buses regularly have difficulty in getting through the village. Large trucks and delivery vehicles would have difficulty in navigating their way around corners and between parked cars. There is simply no place or room to turn. At a later stage, should 30 units be built the volume of traffic from people who work in them as well as visitors and delivery vehicles would be unsupportable.

In particular I would be fearful for the impact both at the development stage and later that this volume of traffic would have on the pre-school and primary school which lie on the route from Steeple Aston if that access were to be used for cars and heavier traffic. The safety of children must be taken into account. The area around these educational establishments is already very busy in the mornings (presumably just when workers at Hatch End units would also be going to work) and at the end of the school day. Traffic from such a significant development as these plans propose would seriously compound a situation which is already a challenge to manage.

I urge the Planning Committee to consider what the result of the inescapable serious increase of traffic would be for our village and the unhappy outcome there would be if this planning application is allowed. I hope in the interests of the people of our village and especially the young children in their early years education it will be refused.

Yours sincerely,



(Eileen Baglin-Jones.)

