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James Kirkham  
Cherwell District Council  
Planning & Development  
Bodicote House

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Dear Mr Kirkham

**Re: Application 20/01127/F - Hatch End, Middle Aston**

We are appalled that such a development has been proposed for this site and present our objection.

The biggest concern we have is as parents of children who attend the primary school and for ALL children who attend both the primary and pre-school. Fir Lane is one of the busiest areas in the village, residents already struggle to park or access their vehicles during the school's drop off and collection times. Furthermore, we no longer have our school crossing patrol officer since county funding was cut and there have been several near accidents already.

Regarding infrastructure, there has been no real thought to this, despite many documents stating there is. The roads leading into our villages are already weak, buses even struggle to drive through South Side. There is clearly insufficient research regarding public transport, creating flaws throughout all supporting documents submitted by the developers; people working at the site will not have access to regular public transport - this is blatantly incorrect. People will have to commute by car if they live outside of the village.

While it is clear that the site is in dire need of renovation and has been for some time, and although it is great that it serves some use to local businesses, we know it isn't fit for purpose. The buildings need to be renovated sympathetically to their environment or rebuilt with the same footprint, both on the ground and in height. We not only need to preserve our villages, but preserve the wider environment including wildlife.

In a time, when as a race we are striving for a better world and a safer place for our children and for our children's children, we hope that Cherwell District Council will consider that whatever decision is made, our children's safety and the preservation of our villages is considered ahead of inappropriate, greedy commercialisation.

Yours sincerely

Darron and Denise Cadd