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For the attention of James Kirkham

**Re: Planning Application 20/01127/F Hatch End Old Poultry Farm,
Steeple Aston Road, Middle Aston**

I wish to object in the strongest possible terms to the above proposed application.

I acknowledge that the existing units on the site are end of life and require upgrading and would have no objection to re-building the same number of units on the site. There is no need for a larger development.

The village of Steeple Aston is no place for a development on this scale and there is no evidence that there is demand for the proposed number of units. I do not believe that there would be job opportunities for residents of the village, and in the light of Covid19 it is likely that demand for such units will in fact decrease.

The design and size of the proposal is totally unsuitable for a rural setting and there are many similar developments in and around Bicester and Banbury which are far more accessible and meet current demand.

Public Transport links in the village are poor and therefore should the proposed development ever be fully occupied the increased number of vehicles in the village would be unthinkable.

The site is near to the village school which at drop off and pick up times for the children is already chaotic, dangerous and an accident waiting to happen.

The mostly single track roads around the village are already struggling with the increasing number of vehicles including delivery vans and the parish council are working very hard with OCC Highways to mitigate the resulting problems, with the installation of speed indicator devices and white lines to discourage inconsiderate parking. More cars in the village are NOT wanted.

If approved, the construction traffic would be a nightmare for the residents of Steeple Aston for many months - vehicles would either have to be routed

through the village or through Middle Aston, both of which are totally undesirable.

The residents of Fir Lane would have their lives completely shattered by noise, pollution, possible damage to their homes from increased traffic, inability to park their own vehicles or easily enter/leave their properties and the stress and worry of the village being changed forever.

The residents of Steeple Aston have chosen to live in Steeple because it is a lovely quiet rural village and to have to put up with the threat of such urbanisation is unthinkable.

I do not believe that there is one single person living in the village who would support this ludicrous proposal by greedy London based developers and I would urge the Planning Committee to reject the application.

Mrs Catharine Fleet