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Good morning

I will not be the first and certainly not the last to voice an objection to the above mentioned application for the Stables, Main Street Great Bourton.

I have taken some time before writing this and have asked a specialist to look at the planning history for this site and also for the general locality. It appears that the history has been controversial to say the least; alleged actions way beyond approvals and weak, to say the least, enforcement by CDC.

With this relaxed approach by the Council, approval of this application will unleash a flood of similar planning requests. Indeed, directly across the road there is a further issue with a very odd main sewer connection and cold water standpipes, all for a stable??? We must all make sure the Council is under extreme scrutiny during this period.

I have also taken the time to read very carefully the other objections to this application, many of which reflect very real concerns over appearance, security, suitability of the land, sewage and rights of way. All appear valid and should result in refusal in their own right.

Right now we face a huge recession, the collapse of the airline and travel industry and perhaps, more importantly, the monumental upheaval in our Retail sector. At this time, to consider the conversion of pristine albeit flood prone countryside for what will never be a popular use, is just not good sense. As the months progress we will see both Retail and Manufacturing designated land fall idle where travelling communities could easily be accommodated.

If this highly controversial application is successful then it is surely the thin end of the wedge! There has been activity in several fields in this area with unhindered, creeping development. It is time for the Council to redeem its poor record on this site; agricultural land should be just that!

Regards

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