

Cropredy Parish Council

Conifers, Main Street, Great Bourton, Banbury, Oxon OX17 1QU



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FOR THE ATTENTION OF BOB NEVILLE

Dear Mr Neville

APPLICATION No. 20/02060/F

APPLICANT: James Doran

PROPOSAL: Change of use of land to a mixed use for keeping horses (existing) and as a residential caravan site for 4 gypsy families, each with two caravans (including no more than 4 static vans (mobile homes) together with laying of hardcore.

LOCATION: The Stables, Main Street, Great Bourton OX17 1QU

The Parish Council, having also heard representations from many of its parishioners, wishes to object to this submission for the following reasons:

- Change of use from agricultural to residential: the area between the villages must be maintained
- Inadequacy of rural road for this type of vehicle
- Land already prone to flooding which would be exacerbated if hardcore laid down
- Historic ridge and furrow which will be destroyed by laying of hardcore
- This area is in Cherwell Local Plan as having high landscape value which will be destroyed by the development
- Application states no right of way through the land when there is a public footpath passing diagonally through.

To amplify on the Inadequacy of the road there is a weight limit for traffic passing through Great Bourton and a major pinch point beside the village church. For these reasons traffic is prohibited from passing through Great Bourton during the annual Cropredy Festival.

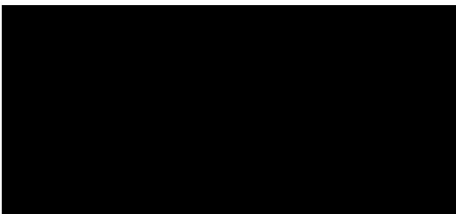
Great Bourton is a Category B village and is thus considered suitable only for minor development in addition to in-filing and conversions. This proposed development is well outside the village envelope and therefore does not fulfil this criteria.

On the issue of landscape value, we would draw your attention to Policy ESD 13 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011 – 2031 which states that “Development will be expected to respect and enhance local landscape character”. “Proposals would not be permitted if they would

- cause undue visual intrusion into the open countryside
- cause undue harm to important natural landscape features and topography
- be inconsistent with local character
- impact on areas judged to have a high level of tranquillity
- harm the historic value of the landscape”.

It is our contention that this application fails on all of these issues.

Yours sincerely



KENNETH I PORTER
PARISH CLERK