Comment for planning application 20/02446/F

Application Number

Location

Glebe Farm Boddington Road Claydon Banbury OX17 1TD

Formation of inland waterways marina with ancillary facilities building, car parking, access and associated landscaping including the construction of a new lake - re-submission of 18/00904/F

Case Officer

Shona King

Organisation

Name Chris Griffiths

Address Greenways, Main Street, Claydon, Banbury, OX17 1EU

Type of Comment

Objection

Type neighbour

I have perused the renewed application relating to formation of inland waterways marina

with ancillary facilities building, car parking, access etc (previous application 18/00904/F) and wish to strongly object to the proposals on the grounds as outlined in my previous correspondence, as attached. In addition, I consider my objection to the proposals to be reinforced by the work currently on-going for the extension of Cropredy Marina, rendering

this application for yet another marina in the area totally unjustifiable.

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Attachments The following files have been uploaded:

· Glebe Farm Marina.pdf

- Glebe Farm Marina Revised Plan March 2019.pdf
- Glebe Farm Marina Revised Plan April 2019.pdf

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4th July 2018

Interim Director, Planning & Regeneration Cherwell District Council Bodicote House

Dear Sir / Madam

Re: Planning Application: 18/00904/F Glebe Farm Marina Project

My attempt to object online to the above application was unsuccessful; accessing the CDC site today, I discovered the deadline for doing so had passed. As the dates of the Planning Notices displayed beside the towpath have been obscured - (deliberately or otherwise) – and in view of the fact the Claydon Parish Council, offering a first opportunity for the details of the application to be discussed, only organised a public meeting to take place on 2 July 2018, I should be most grateful if the points below could be taken into account when the Council consider their decision on the above planning application.

In general, I am in total agreement and support all the objections currently lodged, in particular those of Michael Gentry, and wish to re-emphasise that:

- 1) Access to Boddington Road lies on a single track, badly maintained road, betwixt hump back bridge (blindspot) and railway bridge, i.e. high risk of traffic incident
- 2) Generation of increased traffic through Claydon, a village without any facilities whatsoever, totally unacceptable, necessitating significant increase in road maintenance budget in addition to impacting on other services e.g. refuse collection etc.
- 3) Effect on water levels in canal may result in queuing in high season as boats try to get through locks at peak times. Proximity of site to Braunston, with links to other canal networks, likely to prove popular with those berthing at proposed marina and add to canal congestion.
- 4) Increased pressure on services of Cropredy Surgery from those visiting / staying at proposed Marina. The highs and lows of temporary residents' demands for appointments cannot be catered for by Cropredy Surgery and it should be noted that availability of appointments is already a cause for concern to local residents.
- 5) It is a fallacy to suggest that there would be limited / no light or noise pollution as a result of the proposed marina. Its site lies within an area of productive farmland and the tranquillity of the bordering canal towpath has been enjoyed by many local residents largely because of the total absence of noise, light or litter.
- The addition of a third marina within an area which already has spare capacity at Fenny Compton and possibly Cropredy Marinas is difficult to justify, particularly as the proposed marina would not offer any positive benefits whatsoever to the residents of Claydon.

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Yours faithfully,

Chris Griffiths (Mrs)

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13th March 2019

Mr Robert Jolley
Assistant Director of Economy & Regeneration
Cherwell District Council
Bodicote House
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Oxfordshire OX15 4AA

Dear Mr Jolley

Re: Planning Application: 18/00904/F Glebe Farm Marina Project

Further to my earlier objections outlined in my letter of 4th July 2018, I attended a meeting of Claydon with Clattercote PCC yesterday evening where it was disclosed that a hard copy of the revised plans for the above proposed marina had yet to be received by the PCC. **NB**: Revised plans accessible online do not permit clear view of overall site.

I understand from the notice displayed on the canal dated 7th March 2019, that any objections to the revised plans must be registered with the Council by 19th March 2019. However, as it is difficult to reach an informed opinion in the absence of sight of the revised plans, I wish to reinstate the objections outlined in my letter of 4th July 2018 on the grounds that, in my opinion, a reduction of approximately 60 berths will not result in a significant positive impact on the proposed marina.

It was agreed at the Claydon with Clattercote PCC of 12th March 2019, that a deferment of the closing date for objections be sought, pending receipt of the revised plans and the opportunity to call a further village meeting in order to reach an informed opinion.

I trust the Council will comply with requests to defer deadline for objections and supply a copy of revised plans to our PCC without delay.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Griffiths (Mrs)

Enc (1) Copy correspondence dated 4th July 2018

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9th April 2019

Mr Robert Jolley
Assistant Director of Economy & Regeneration
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Dear Mr Jolley

Re: Planning Application: 18/00904/F Glebe Farm Marina Project

Further to my earlier objections outlined in correspondence of 4th July 2018 and 13th March 2019, (copies attached), I attended an extraordinary meeting called by Claydon with Clattercote PC held on 2nd April 2019, at which sight of the revised plans relating to the above proposal were made available for the first time.

Having studied the revised plans, I now wish to reinforce the objections outlined in my previous correspondence (see above). In addition, may I make the following points:

- 1) With reference to the planning application dated 7th March 2019, submitted by Clare O'Hanlon and currently displayed on the canal towpath, I am in agreement with the Council's opinion that the proposed development (a) affects the setting of a conservation area and (b) the character and appearance of a conservation area.
- 2) The Boddington Road is single track, containing several hump back bridges along its route, without any recognised passing places, rendering it entirely unsuitable to cope with the increased traffic which would be generated by the proposed marina.
- 3) Planning permission has already been granted for an increase in the number of berths at Cropredy Marina (from 250 to 350, several of which are residential), offering multiple opportunities to those wishing to locate with their vessels to the area.
- 4) Further planning approval has been granted for a small marina on School Lane in Cropredy. Robust evidence of the need for yet another marina within a small geographic area has yet to be provided (i.e. Fenny Compton Marina and Cropredy Marina already in existence, with approval for further small marina in Cropredy granted).
- 5) The high banks described in the revised plans of the above planning application would obscure the rural views over a conservation area currently available.

I am grateful to Cherwell District Council for providing copies of the revised plans, as requested by Claydon with Clattercote PC and trust that in the light of the renewed objections from myself and others, yet further revisions of the what is basically the same planning application will be avoided. For the reasons given above and as stated in previous correspondence, the proposed marina is not only unnecessary but would have a detrimental impact on the rural environment and local community.

Yours sincerely,

Chris Griffiths (Mrs)

Enc (2) Copy correspondence dated 4th July 2018 and 13th March 2019

Copies to:

Cllrs George Reynolds and Douglas Webb, CDC (enclosing previous copy correspondence)