

Comment for planning application 20/02446/F

Application Number	20/02446/F
Location	Glebe Farm Boddington Road Claydon Banbury OX17 1TD
Proposal	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	
Name	Richard Bracey
Address	1 Blackheath Grove, Womersley, Guildford, GU50pu
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I would like to object and raise some points re the proposed marina at Claydon. I have been a very regular user of the canal system for some 49 years and initially moored my boat at Fenny Compton marina when it opened and therefore am very familiar with this section of canal and it's inherent issues. This section of the Southern Oxford canal is the highest point on the canal and has always, even since its initial opening in the 1700's, has suffered extensively with water shortages. The placing of a new 250 berth marina at Claydon locks, at the end of an 11 mile pound, will lead to a huge shortage of water. The locks use approx 70000 gallons per use and 250 boats, using them a minimum of twice for one return journey, would be devastating. There are numerous large marinas in the area already: Ventnor, Wigrams turn, Calcutt, Napton, Braunston, Barby, Fenny Compton, Cropedy, (at the bottom of Claydon locks), ALL of which are not full to capacity. There is no commercial demand for yet another marina. Creating another marina will have a severe detrimental effect on the ability to cruise unimpeded on the Southern Oxford canal. Every year, due to the ever increasing capacity of marinas in the area, there are more and more severe restrictions to cruising with locks shut due to water shortage and then the consequent queuing to use the locks. I am aware during July of this year, volunteers were verbally abused and threatened at the locks due to boats having to queue all day to use the lock and then being told due to water shortage, the locks would be closing for the rest of the day. There are numerous hire fleets located in the area, the cruise to Oxford being a popular route. With the coming of another marina, especially next to the locks, this could be extremely detrimental to people hiring a narrowboat. Hires would have to be made aware of the distinct likelihood of losing a days holiday in either direction due to queuing because of the water shortages. This would be very detrimental to the area and canalside businesses. The building of another marina in the locality is also detrimental to the serenity of the canal which is currently and subsequently being destroyed locally by the building of the HS 2 rail link. I ask you to refuse this application for the above reasons.</p>
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