

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	Louisa Smith
Address	Walnut House,2 Walnut Gardens,Claydon,Banbury,OX17 1NA
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>1) There is already a substantial marina in Cropredy just a few miles away which has already been enlarged. Unlike Cropredy, Claydon does not have any facilities or services to offer. 2) Strain on local services including G.P Surgery: Although the marina users are classed as 'non-residential', it is likely that many will end up residing on their boats, as has happened in Cropredy and this would put great strain on local services including the GP surgery in Cropredy. It is already a very busy surgery with a 2 week wait for non-urgent appointments. Potential new patients from the marina would increase demand for appointments. 3) Traffic impact: Increased traffic in a small, quiet village where the roads are single track, already in poor condition and in some places have no pavements. Roads used by pedestrians including those with young children, elderly residents, dog walkers and horse riders. I have 2 children under 8 years old and we are often walking or biking along Main Street and down to the canal on the Boddington Road (the road nearest the proposed marina). Also we walk back from the school bus that stops at Manor Park and have to cross Main Street daily along with other primary school and secondary school children (many of the latter walk home alone). In the opposite direction, heading towards Cropredy on Main Street, there is a blind bend (no pavement) followed by another sharp bend just as you leave the village, right by the village playground and playing field. Drivers that know the village, know to slow down at this point. This would be more dangerous with increased traffic, especially vehicles that don't know the road such as those making deliveries to and from the proposed marina. 4) Traffic impact on a road already in poor condition. Increased traffic including construction vehicles, on an unsuitable, single track road that is already in poor condition with pot-holes, broken edges, cracks etc. could worsen the state of the road and weaken the canal bridge. Any future road repairs needed would be paid by the tax payer i.e. Claydon residents not marina users who would not be deemed 'residents'. 5) Traffic impact would effect natural environment. Increased traffic over the steep canal bridge (Hay Bridge). This is a challenge to navigate safely as traffic is not visible when approaching so more traffic could endanger other road users and pedestrians at this section. The approach is single track on both sides of the bridge, requiring vehicles to pull onto the grass verge or roadsides which are already full of potholes to enable passing. Increased traffic will damage these verges and roadsides even further and could put pedestrians and other road users at risk. 6) Increased traffic through the village. Unlike Cropredy which has 3 roads into the village. Most of the traffic to the marina will choose to come through Claydon rather than going north on the Boddington Road to Welsh Road/Banbury Road and onto the main roads (A361 or A423) as sat nav will advise this route. 7) Potential environmental damage. Increased canal traffic will further damage the canal banks which are already severely eroded in some places making the tow path unpassable spoiling the enjoyment of it for local residents. 8) The proposed development will spoil the landscape especially due to it being 4.5m above road level on what is currently a flat stretch of land. 9) To conclude, the proposed marina will be no advantage to Claydon and bring no benefit to the local residents. Our area is already subject to HS2 works, a project changing our local landscape and not being of any benefit to local residents. Thank you for your time. I hope you will consider my views.</p>
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