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

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Type of Comment Objection

Type neighbour

Comments

Dear Sir As you will be aware, Cropredy Marina is currently building a new marina basin which will take its total capacity from 249 moorings up to 347 moorings. Our application was approved in 2017 and the construction will be completed by Christmas 2020. We currently have over 130 vacancies. There is no sound reason to allow the construction of another 250 berth marina within the locality, when the water resources on the South Oxford Canal are already being stretched to the limit, mainly by the addition of our new moorings at Cropredy. We had to make a substantial contribution towards the Canal and River Trust's cost of additional water monitoring equipment in the area, due to the concern over water levels in peak season. We are only adding 98 moorings, Claydon would add more than two and a half times that. It's also worth noting that The Canal and River Trust (CRT) granted permission in 2016 for Claydon Marina to proceed, but this permission only means that the applicant can apply to the CRT for a licence to join the canal, it is not an endorsement of the planning application itself. It is clear that allowing another 250 berth marina at Claydon would only lead to an oversupply of moorings in a very sensitive area, affecting canal water levels in the Summer, lock usage, traffic, wildlife, pollution levels. The simple arithmetic is that there will be 380 more boats on the canal if this application is successful and the marina is filled. This is too many for this delightful part of the countryside and the South Oxford canal. Mike Braidley. Cropredy Marina

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