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Shona King
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Dear Ms King

Re. Planning Application 20/02446/F

I object further to the planning application for a marina at Claydon on the grounds that it contravenes the Cherwell District Council Adopted Local Plan 2011-2031.

Policy ESD 16 states,

“The length of the Oxford Canal through Cherwell District is a designated Conservation Area and proposals which would be detrimental to its character or appearance will not be permitted.”

The proposed plan includes huge bunds which will rise well above the surrounding countryside and be detrimental to the appearance of the area. The height of the lifting equipment in the dry dock has not been stated and this will again impinge on the surroundings with the work bringing industrialisation to the site therefore radically altering the character of the area.

The policy continues,

“Other than appropriately located small scale parks and picnic facilities new facilities for canal users should be located within or immediately adjacent to settlements.”

Presumably the intention is for the canal users to use the amenities of those settlements and not be forced to travel further afield by road in order to satisfy their needs. Although Claydon is a settlement, unlike the neighbouring marina sites of Cropredy and Fenny Compton, it is completely devoid of amenities. (There is sufficient spare capacity in the neighbouring marinas to render the proposed marina in Claydon completely unnecessary). If it goes ahead canal users will be forced to use the Boddington Road which is entirely unsuitable to accommodate any increase in traffic which will include not only cars but delivery vehicles to the marina site. The width of the road is extremely narrow. Once outside the 30 mph limit the road narrows significantly to below 3 metres. Tesco supermarket delivery vehicles are 2 metres wide without allowing for wing mirrors and they can legitimately travel at speed in this area. The road which has been very poorly maintained also includes a blind bend and an extremely steep humpback bridge. **It is a major concern that Oxfordshire County Council has only specified the creation of additional passing places north of the site – none between Claydon village and the site.**

Please ensure that the Planning Committee visit the site before any decision is made.

Yours sincerely

Jenny Jones (Mrs)

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