



**Cherwell**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

# NOTICE OF DECISION

## TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)

### Name and Address of Agent/Applicant:

Mr Peter Frampton  
Oriol House  
42 North Bar  
Banbury  
OX16 0TH

### Full Planning Determination

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**Date Registered:** 8th September 2020

**Proposal:** A fuel depot including ancillary offices, the installation of plant and hardstanding

**Location:** Hornton Grounds Quarry, Hornton

**Parish(es):** Hornton

### REFUSAL OF PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT

Cherwell District Council, as Local Planning Authority, hereby **REFUSES** to grant planning permission for the development described in the above-mentioned application, the accompanying plans and drawings and any clarifying or amending information. **THE REASONS FOR REFUSAL ARE SET OUT IN THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE.**

Cherwell District Council  
Bodicote House  
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BANBURY  
OX15 4AA

David Peckford

Assistant Director – Planning and Development

**Date of Decision: 10th December 2020**

**Checked by: Nathanael Stock**

## REASONS FOR REFUSAL

1. The proposed development represents an unjustified and unsustainable form of development in a rural location, which lack opportunities for sustainable travel to and from the site and would in significant adverse impacts on the character of the surrounding environment, for which it has not been demonstrated that exceptional circumstances exist for such development in this unsustainable location. The proposals are therefore contrary to the provisions and aims of Policies SLE1, SLE4 and ESD1 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.
2. By virtue of its siting, scale and form and associated lighting and significant HGV vehicle movements the proposed development would appear as an alien feature within the rural landscape, intruding into the open countryside. The proposals would have a detrimental visual impact on the rural character and appearance of the locality, causing significant and demonstrable harm to the character and appearance of the area and open rural landscape. The proposals are therefore contrary to Policies ESD13 and ESD15 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1, saved Policy C28 of the Cherwell Local Plan 1996 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.
3. The proposals have failed to demonstrate that safe and suitable access with appropriate vision splays can be achieved at the site, to accommodate the proposed significant intensification of the use of the site and associated vehicular movements. The proposals are therefore contrary to Policy ESD15 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.
4. The proposals would generate frequent heavy-goods vehicle movements through residential areas, including the villages of Drayton and Wroxton and Hardwick and Ruscote on the periphery of Banbury. It has not been satisfactorily demonstrated that the levels of such movements would not adversely affect the amenity of these residential areas and villages, to the detriment of the living environment in these locations. The proposals are therefore contrary to saved Policies TR10 and C31 of the Cherwell Local Plan 1996 and ESD15 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1.
5. The applicant has failed to demonstrate that an appropriate surface water drainage strategy, and mitigation measures necessary in the event of spillage of fuel, can be achieved at the site that would ensure that the proposed development would not be to the detriment of the water environment/surrounding natural environment and that water quality would be maintained and enhanced by avoiding adverse effects; contrary to saved Policy ENV1 of the Cherwell Local Plan 1996, Policies ESD7 and ESD8 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework.

## STATEMENT OF ENGAGEMENT

In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) and paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework, Cherwell Council has given consideration to whether amendments or additional information would overcome its concerns with the application, but unfortunately it has concluded that it would not be possible to resolve those concerns within the scope and timescales of this application. Cherwell Council has resolved that the application proposals do not amount to sustainable development and consent must accordingly be refused.

The case officer's report and recommendation in respect of this application is available to view online at: <http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/viewplanningapp>. The agenda, minutes and webcast recording of the Planning Committee meeting at which this application was determined are also available to view online at: <http://modgov.cherwell.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=117&Year=0>



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#### NOTES TO THE APPLICANT

##### REFUSAL OF PERMISSION

The Local Planning Authority has refused consent for the reasons set out in the schedule forming part of this notice of refusal. A further explanation of the reasons for the decision can be found in the planning officer's report, which can be viewed in Public Access via the council's web site.

If you wish to examine any of the development plans which set out the Local Planning Authority's policies and proposals for the development and use of land in its area, these are available for inspection on our website, or at the District Council offices, Bodicote House, Bodicote, during normal office hours.

##### APPEALS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

If you are aggrieved by the decision of the Local Planning Authority to refuse to grant planning permission or grant planning permission subject to conditions, you can appeal to the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 78(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

If you wish to appeal, then you must do so within **6 Months** of the date of the decision **Unless;**

- The decision on the application relates to the same or substantially the same land and the development is already the **subject of an enforcement notice** then you must appeal within **28 days** of the date of the Local Planning Authority's decision on the planning application.
- If an **enforcement notice is served** relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as in your application and if you want to appeal the decision, then you must do so within **28 days** of the service of the enforcement notice, or 6 months (12 weeks for householder and minor commercial) of the date of this decision whichever is the sooner

Forms can be obtained from the **Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN. Tel 0303 444 5000. Or online at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>**. The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to him that permission or approval for the proposed development could not have been so granted otherwise than subject to the conditions imposed by the Local Planning Authority, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of the development order and to any directions given under the order.

In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the Local Planning Authority based its decision on a direction given by him.

##### PURCHASE NOTICES

If either the Local Planning Authority or the First Secretary of State refuses planning permission or approval for the development of land, the owner may claim that he/she can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.

In these circumstances the owner may serve a purchase notice on the District Council. This notice

will require the Council to purchase his/her interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

## **COMPENSATION**

In certain circumstances compensation may be claimed from the Local Planning Authority if permission is refused by the Secretary of State on appeal or on reference of the application to him.

These circumstances are set out in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Planning and Compensation Act 1991.