## Comment for planning application 20/03347/F

<b>Application Number</b>	20/03347/F
Location	The Pheasant Pluckers Inn Burdrop OX15 5RQ
Proposal	Erection of an agricultural barn store
Case Officer	George Smith

Organisation

Name

Anne Skowronska

Address

Jasmine Cottage, Street Heading North From Acre Ditch, Burdrop, Banbury, OX15 5RN

**Type of Comment** 

Objection

Type Comments

neighbour

I strongly object to this application to build a stone barn in this protected valley. This is just the latest attempt to manipulate planning rules in a long history of planning abuses which have taken place with regard to this site. I object on the following grounds: 1. This valley has long been named a conservation area at the heart of the Sibfords. Should this permission be granted it would obviously set a dangerous precedent. Conservation Area appraisal documents submitted to Cherwell District Council in 2012 stress the valley is at the heart of the Sibfords' Conservation area: "The valley is an integral part of the conservation area and is included within its boundary as it has significance in its own right and not just as a setting for settlements." (from paragraph 8.3) "The openness of the valley has not as yet been compromised and in the interest of maintaining the character and appearance of the valley any further infill should be resisted." 2. The construction of a large stone barn is totally unnecessary for the upkeep of a few vines. More likely it will be used as a shower and toilet block for the camping business they seem to be planning. A parking area for 30 motor bikes also forms a worrying part of this application which surely amounts to a change of use of this agricultural land? A campsite, whether set among vines or not, would be a totally unsuitable use of a small sloping site in a very sensitive area of the Sibfords, which would cause a large amount of noise, pollution and traffic disruption throughout the year in the heart of our quiet rural community. 3. Before permission was even sought, work amounting to vandalism was carried out on the site. Trees have been felled and major earth-works carried out with no apparent response from CDC. 4. Road Safety: Any access to the land would mean turning in or exiting onto a blind bend at the bottom of two steep hills with severely reduced visibility. Vehicles often have to brake sharply to avoid a vehicle they do not see until the last minute. Local traffic includes buses, farm vehicles and lorries. The introduction of camping traffic and motorbikes turning on and off the site on the bend would make the road extremely dangerous. 5. Light pollution: Sibford Gower is designated a 'dark' area. The application is asking for floodlighting of the barn and surrounding area throughout the night which would cause light pollution across the heart of both villages. 6. Water pollution: If the site were to be planted with vines they would need to be fertilised and the resulting polluted water would run off directly into the River Sib. Waste water from campers would likewise cause pollution concerns. I urge planners to turn down this application.

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