

Stonecourt

Earls Lane
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Development Management
Cherwell District Council
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Dear Sirs

Re: Planning Application No. 20/03467/F – Clifton Road, Deddington

I object to this application for the following reasons:

1. It will harm the setting of the Statutory Ancient Monument – Deddington Castle. Quoting the NPPF para 194, “**Any harm** to, or loss of, the significance of a designated heritage asset (from its alteration or destruction, or **from development within its setting**), should require clear and convincing justification.” This proposed development goes to within a few yards of the monument, but no such justification has been provided. The small contribution of 7 houses to the housing need must be balanced against the harm to the setting of this 1000 year old monument. The only view of the impressive trees on the ramparts is from Clifton Road. This development would significantly harm that view.
2. Similarly, the development would be within a few yards of Castle Barns, which have Grade 2* status. This must also be considered.
3. The development is proposed for older people, but walking to the village centre will be hazardous. It would be irresponsible to allow a pedestrian crossing for elderly people on a blind bend where excessive speeding is commonplace.

Yours faithfully

Richard Broadbent