

Comment for planning application 21/00477/F

Application Number	21/00477/F
Location	The Pheasant Pluckers Inn Burdrop OX15 5RQ
Proposal	Erection of an agricultural barn store (re-submission of 20/03347/F)
Case Officer	George Smith
Organisation Name	Joanna Huckvale
Address	2 Mannings Close,Sibford Ferris,Banbury,OX15 5RA
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>This piece of land is part of the rural character of Sibford. An ancient apple tree which gave enormous character to this old property and could have been preserved, has a) been allowed, over the years of the current owners occupancy to be covered in brambles and b) has now been destroyed by clearance by destructive machining down. - While the putting in of a ground source solar heating collector for the next door property, in the next field, required some churning up of the land for machine and new pipe installation access, the land had returned to something approaching normality. The space in the field has not really ever been respected and vehicles have been virtually dumped there. This seems odd considering there is sufficient yard space at the pub to have put them. There is certainly no need for a barn store. - This is also a small patch of land which WAS rich in habitat for wildlife. Many small trees have currently been hacked back (badly and without care) which is intolerable right before nesting. Also, the land drains into the River Sib, which here, is also a significant point where the villagers from both sides of the valley can keep in touch with a beautiful natural feature of that valley. I wonder what is intended for the opening up/creation of a stream bed from the left hand top of the property. I have never seen water running there openly before and I am led to understand it is a Spring. There is now one pipe left in the gully. Does this suggest a drain is going to be put in and from where? What kind of pollution is to be potentially drained into this very small river. Both sheep and horses have access to the Sib as do wildlife all along its length, as do children playing (hopefully with adult supervision). I do not like to think what might end up in this clear water source by uninformed practices or by deliberate intent (since the 'landlords' appear to be at odds with the community). However, if this spring is to be allowed to become an attractive feature of the land I have no objection to that. - I am also concerned about our loss of soil structure in the whole of the UK. A rectangular base in this site seems already to have been flattened out (planning permission???) This is one more instance where people seem to have no idea of the importance that the quality of soil be maintained and as naturally as possible. All kinds of minute structures which bond soil together are involved. Depth of soil is also important. Regolith and bedrock are never far below. Erosion of one area can lead to erosion of another. For our planet to thrive we have to start being more careful even with our tiny areas. - Finally, I would point out that there is no public walk or even a footpath along the majority of the length of the Sib. This is a strong indication that anything that flattens out the land along it, or develops along it, is considered widely inappropriate. It is a very small area where this barn is proposed. I suggest it is a case of trying to fit a quart into a pint pot. - It would be more useful to plant three or four new native trees in keeping with the natural potential of a mini environment of this very rural area.</p>
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