

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	Anne Skowronska
Address	Jasmine Cottage, Street Heading North From Acre Ditch, Burdrop, Banbury, OX15 5RN
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I strongly object to the latest proposal for a stone barn to service a vineyard, submitted with regard to the Blazing Saddles pub which would allow a damaging and very unwelcome development in this beautiful protected valley running between the villages of Sibford Gower and Ferris. I object on the following grounds: The land on both sides of this valley has always been carefully protected land in a valued corridor of conservation at the heart of the Sibfords. The Conservation Area appraisal document submitted to Cherwell District Council in 2012 stresses the valley is at the heart of the Sibfords' designated 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. All other attempts at development here have been refused. Should this permission be granted it would set a very unwelcome precedent. The construction of a large stone barn seems entirely unnecessary for the upkeep of a very few vines. In relation to the stated idea of cider-making, no apple trees have even been planted as yet. More likely it would be used for a shower block in connection with a proposed camping ground and the owners have admitted as much in a previous planning application. This is a totally unsuitable use of this site in a very sensitive area of the Sibfords which would cause a huge amount of noise, light pollution and traffic disruption throughout the year in this quiet rural community. Before this permission was sought, work amounting to vandalism has been carried out on the site. Old trees have been felled, including a rare old apple tree, a large section of ancient hedgerow removed and major earth-works carried out, including a drainage channel running off into the Sib, which significantly changes the site. These works have had a negative impact on wildlife in this conservation area. Road Safety: Any access to the promised barn both to build or service it, would mean turning in or exiting onto a blind bend at the bottom of two steep hills on a stretch of road where the speed limit is 60 MPH. This is already a dangerous bend due to the reduced visibility and danger of oncoming traffic. Local traffic include vehicles going across the village to the primary and Sibford schools, also buses, farm vehicles and lorries. Light pollution: Sibford Gower is designated a 'dark' area. The application is asking for floodlighting of the barn and area around that throughout the night which would cause light pollution across the heart of both villages. Water pollution: any run off from the activities on site would run off directly into the River Sib causing potential pollution. Trust. The Noquets went ahead with felling trees, removal of the hedgerow, destruction of natural habitat for wildlife and carried out major earth-works, before applying for any permissions. They did not involve the village PCs or CDC in any of their plans. The villagers have long since lost trust in their actions and motives, after a history of applications, appeals and actions on this site.</p>
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