

Comment for planning application 21/00922/OUT

Application Number	21/00922/OUT
Location	Land West Of Foxden Way Great Bourton OX17 1QY
Proposal	OUTLINE Planning Application for up to 9 entry-level affordable houses - all matters reserved save for access
Case Officer	James Kirkham
Organisation Name	David Price
Address	24 Garners Field,Great Bourton,Banbury,OX17 1FH
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I have 7 objections to this Application: 1) There is no demonstrable need for affordable housing in The Bourtons. Provision was made within the boundary of Great Bourton with the development of the Social Housing included as part of the Garners Field Development but this was as an extension to the development withing the boundaries of Great Bourton 2) The proposed development is contrary to the Cherwell Local Plan. 3) The physical infrastructure, primarily the road network leading to and from the site of the Application are not suitable for any increase in local traffic either during or post development 4) The proposed access to the site would be through School Lane. As any local resident will tell you this is a tiny lane only suitable for occasional vehicular traffic and is used primarily by existing residents, dog walkers, horse riders or local residents using this as a circular walking route around the village. Any increase in traffic in School Lane would be potentially dangerous to all of these current users. Therefore the access to the site would be along Foxden Way, a single track road that would mean all traffic would have to weave through Little Bourton and Chapel Lane which again is a very narrow Lane not suitable for construction site traffic 5) A complete lack of Parking. There is nowhere on the road to park, it is a single track road. 6) Unsuitable Public Transport links to the Village or wider afield. A primary purpose for social housing is to provide affordable housing for those less fortunate and probably those without their own modes of transport so this development would effectively put these residents in an isolated position cut off from the amenities they would need for everyday living. The current Bus service that runs through Great Bourton on Thursday and Saturday (and which has been threatened with termination due to lack of use) would not be suitable for these residents. 7) In my opinion this is a fairly obvious attempt by the Developer to appeal to the Councils need to provide low cost/social housing but ultimately gain a position of setting a precedent for further development in the area - "a sprat to catch a mackerel" if you like and I don't think any of the residents of either Great or Little Bourton would fall for such an underhanded way of achieving this wider aim.</p>
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