## Comment for planning application 21/00922/OUT

**Application Number** 21/00922/OUT

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

Location

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Type of Comment Objection

Objection neighbour

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Comments

I object to this proposal for a new housing development as the site proposed is totally unsuitable for such a development and there is not adequate justification for affordable housing in The Bourtons. In terms of suitability of the site: There are no employment opportunities in the village and public transport links to the village would be inadequate for commuting (there is only a single bus on a Thursday and a Saturday) therefore new residents will be reliant upon travel by car; Foxden Way is a single track lane (without pavements) and mostly used by pedestrians, horse riders and cyclists - the increased traffic would render this road less safe for the other road users; access via School Lane is also via a single track lane with no passing spaces and, again, increased traffic will pose greater risk to pedestrian and other roads user's safety. In terms of the lack of justification for affordable housing: the village is close to Banbury where the less environmentally damaging development of affordable housing can be undertaken on existing brownfield sites (additionally, as reported in 2019, there are currently 324 long-term empty homes in the wider Cherwell area, surely prioritising redevelopment of these sites would be more environmentally sound and in many cases have access to the amenities that the currently proposed site lacks). The recent Garner's field development already included the provision of affordable housing; and, no suitable public transport links exist as outlined above. In conclusion, whilst it is appreciated that as outlined in the Cherwell District Council Housing Strategy 2019-24 there is a need to increase delivery of affordable housing in rural areas of the district as well as in the towns of Banbury and Bicester, this particular development on this site is wholly unsuitable for the reasons summarised above.

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