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

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Address

The Paddocks, School Lane, Great Bourton, Banbury, OX17 1QY

Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

We would like to strongly object to the proposal for 9 affordable house in Foxden Way Gt. Bourton 21/00922/OUT. Firstly these dwellings will be outside of the village boundary noting that Gt. Bourton is a category B village and to say there is a need for affordable housing is questionable when there are two very large housing estates just two miles from Gt. Bourton both with many affordable housing and also Garner Fields in Gt. Bourton itself. Foxden Way on which these houses are proposed is a narrow poorly maintained country lane used by walkers, bikes, disabled vehicles, horses, large vehicles from 3 farms and also used as part of the Banbury run. It has no pathways and cycle ways, plus since the ditch work was done either side of the cemetery has made the grass verges unusable to pedestrians. The amount of cars that use this can be very high particularly at peak times. We believe that point 4.4 in traffic generation is grossly underestimated for 9 houses as being 2 trips in (am) and 4 trips out (am) and 4 trips in (pm) and 2 trips out (pm). As most family's that live in a rural village with no footpaths and no cycle ways and only two buses services a week use their cars much more than town dwellers. Section 3.49 states the site is readily available by a variety of modes of transport. As residents of Gt. Bourton for some 38 years we can confirm that is not the case. In section 5.0 Highways Network 5.1 ACT gathered in 2019. This survey only covered traffic in school lane and did not cover the traffic flow from Foxden Way to Crow Lane and Crow Lane to Foxden way. Also it did not take into consideration the three new large houses currently being built on school lane and two more planned later this year. These houses are already set to increase the traffic flow in school lane. There has also seen a huge increase in delivery vehicles using School lane, Crow Lane and Foxden Way narrow lanes since the pandemic and it's well documented that this will continue. We strongly reject the view another survey is not necessary. Conflict assessment 5.6 states informal passing points in the form of private residents driveways in school lane can be used in this single lane for vehicles passing each other. As residents of school lane this is totally unacceptable to suggest that our private driveways should be used as a passing points. Residents are liable for the repairs due to wear and tear of these driveways. We strongly object to this suggestion. Highways may own some of the land but they don't pay for their repairs! We would also question 2.26 local facilities. Gt. Bourton has only four facilities a Church, Pub and two Community Halls. Any other facilities are available in Cropredy at a distance of 1.9km and Banbury 4.8km. Both, if not accessed by car have no footpath or cycle way from Foxden way until you get out of the village. We would hope that James Kirkham Planning Officer would not consider this green field site for approval whilst there are still brown field sites already approved for development between Gt. Bourton and Banbury which will include affordable housing.

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