

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
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Address	Stonelea,School Lane,Great Bourton,Banbury,OX17 1QY
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Great Bourton has a categorisation B status, It states in the planning guide that our village is to considered for small-scale proposals for residential development(infilling) within the built-up limits of settlements, I consider the proposal outside the settlement. The planning states, "Village categorisation helps understand which villages are in principle best placed to sustain different levels of residential development. The Policy ensures that unanticipated development within the built-up limits of a village is of an appropriate scale for that village, is supported by services and facilities and does not unnecessarily exacerbate travel patterns that are overly reliant on the private car and which incrementally have environmental consequences". In my very layman's opinion there is no real bus service, no shop, the schools are not crying out for pupils (Croperdy) and there is absolute reliance on the private car. The planning guide also goes on to say, "Some villages, which may not necessarily have many services and facilities of their own (Great Bourton), but are geographically close to villages which do have services and facilities. People living in the rural areas may use services and facilities in other nearby villages. Those larger villages with services and facilities (the 'service centre' villages) in combination with the smaller "satellite" villages can be considered to form a functional "cluster". So Croperdy does have a shop, I've not seen a bus yet (7 years) and it's 2 miles away to visit so the private car again becomes paramount yet again. 9 houses times lets say minimum 2 cars..... We of all the villagers living in GB understand infilling, the planning guide says.... "Infilling refers to the development of a small gap in an otherwise continuous built-up frontage. Not all infill gaps will be suitable for development. Many spaces in villages' streets are important and cannot be filled without detriment to their character. Such gaps may afford views out to the landscape or help to impart a spacious rural atmosphere to the village. This is particularly important in a loose knit village pattern where the spaces may be as important as the buildings" - the proposal for 9 houses is not infilling, there is no continuous build up frontages for these houses. The planning also goes on to detail "There is increasing recognition that reducing carbon emissions is important in reducing and adapting to the impacts of climate change. The Climate Change Act 2008 has an objective of an 80% reduction (from a 1990 baseline) in carbon dioxide emissions by 2050. This can be achieved by, for example, reducing dependence on private cars and locating new development in sustainable, accessible, locations." I do not consider Foxden way in which the development would be built on (access wise) to be accessible for a new development, it is used extensively by pedestrians walking their pets and for horses taking exercise and there is not room for two cars to pass. Its become a cut through for vans more recently for obvious reasons and I have seen the traffic grow exponentially over the years we have lived here, so much so that it is now not a pleasant experience to walk my dog along this road anymore. I also must include that I do not want my driveway to be included in any proposal that states its acceptable to pull into it to allow someone to pass. I would like my driveway to provide me 24hr access in and out - if this is not to be the case and the highways accept this to be feasible then I want to add that no one has ever asked me if I feel its acceptable. I maintain this land, I ask nothing of the council to do so, and getting in and out of my house, surely is a right I can rely on? There is a reason we moved from the town to the countryside, I know it bears no impact on the complaints procedure, but when does a village belong to those that live within it? When do the people that care for the village and all those that live in it, get a say as to how it is impacted? I am beginning to realise we have no say in anything that impacts us? How this plays out will be very interesting if the planning guide has any substance or is it just words that can be manipulated. Lets us put our trust in James Kirkham and his understanding of the policy to deliver the right answer for Great Bourton. Steve Martin</p>
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