

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	Elizabeth Carter
Address	41 Garners Field,Great Bourton,Banbury,OX17 1FH
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I am objecting to this application because I do not believe it represents sustainable development and it is proposing a housing development in a completely inappropriate location. It is not in accord with the Cherwell Local Plan and particularly unsuitable for affordable housing as residents, likely to be on low incomes, will have to have cars to access shops and work and thus will incur the expenses of running a car. The application argues that many local amenities are within walking distance or that residents could use bicycles to access shops like Bridge Stores in Cropredy but Great Bourton is at the top of a hill. People who have limited time and are not particularly fit will use cars; more will when it is dark or the weather is bad. They will be dependent on cars, and/or they will rely on delivery services for grocery shopping etc. The idea that people could cycle into Banbury down Mill Lane and along the canal towpath rather than take a car, is farcical. The bus service is infrequent. Also, the doctors surgery was not taking on any extra patients when we moved here. The proposed development will severely impact on the nature of Foxden Way as a quiet lane that links Little Bourton and Great Bourton and which is used and enjoyed by people walking with / without dogs, cycling and riding horses, even by people in wheelchairs. Being relatively flat it serves as a useful route for those who want to take some exercise but would struggle with the gradients on other local paths, and its width makes it amenable to families going out together. The increase in traffic would almost certainly deter villagers from 'getting out' and so reduce their well-being and lead to increased feelings of isolation. Similarly, users of School Lane and Crow Lane would be affected adversely by increased traffic. In some parts of School Lane there is nowhere for a pedestrian to get out of the way of traffic, and Crow Lane has steep banks on either side in places. Both roads, and the road through Little Bourton at the other end of Foxden Way have tight bends which are hard to see around. The development does not 'minimise the scope for conflicts between pedestrians, cyclists and vehicles' as recommended by NPPF but rather makes them much more likely with consequent negative impacts on community cohesion. The proposed footpath from Southview to the allotments would only be useful for those allotment holders living at the top end of Great Bourton and could not replace the joy of walking through the village lanes, past people in their gardens and with the views across the Cherwell Valley.</p>
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