

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	Susan Kingshott & Robert England
Address	Spittals Barn,Main Street,Great Bourton,Banbury,OX17 1QL
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>We wish to object to the proposed planning application on the following grounds: We question the requirement for any further new houses to be built within Great Bourton, be it affordable housing or otherwise? The Garners Field development provided many new homes in the village, including a provision of affordable housing. Planning applications for a further five properties in the village have also been approved. There are also many new housing developments being built/expanded upon around the outskirts of Banbury, including those situated close to the Bourtons on the Southam Road. Has a genuine need for more houses to be built in Great Bourton been determined, or is it that a developer has seen an opportunity to build on land they have acquired. Indeed this particular area of land would actually appear to be outside the village boundary. We note that the developer who owns this land (Fernhill Estates), is currently building three properties on land they have acquired in the village. Their website indicates that they also own another area of land which is in between the new houses currently being built and this proposed development site. The three areas of land are adjoining. It would therefore seem reasonable to conclude that the developer is applying for planning permission for this land in three stages, so that each area is deemed as a 'small' development, when in fact overall this should be considered to be part of a larger development plan. The proposed development does not fall within the Cherwell local plan (As a category B village there should only be minor development). The village has already seen a substantial increase in the number of new houses. We understand the local primary school and doctors surgery are fully subscribed, therefore unable to support additional residents to the area. Safety concerns for road users on Foxden Way, School Lane, Spring Lane and Crow Lane. The aforementioned are narrow routes without pavements, some with tight bends and very few passing places for vehicles. They are frequented by people as part of their daily exercise, including those who walk to and from Great Bourton/Little Bourton via Foxden Way. Many of these pedestrians have dogs and/or young children with them, some are wheelchair users. In addition horse riders and cyclists use these routes. The new development will undoubtedly lead to an increase in vehicles using these routes, not just from the additional cars used by residents, but from deliveries/services to these houses. The increase in traffic also increases the potential risk for the vulnerable users of these lanes. An increase in traffic will also make it even more difficult for vehicles to pass each other, as there are limited passing opportunities. From the proposed plan it does not seem there is enough provision for car parking for the residents of the development or indeed their visitors. It is likely that most households will have one or two cars (as there is only a limited bus service from Great Bourton, currently twice a week), plus visitors who will need to be able to park. If there is insufficient parking on the development this will cause parking problems, as Foxden Way, School Lane and Crow Lane are not wide enough to support parked cars. Thank you in advance for your consideration of the above.</p>
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