

# Comment for planning application 21/00922/OUT

<b>Application Number</b>	21/00922/OUT
<b>Location</b>	Land West Of Foxden Way Great Bourton OX17 1QY
<b>Proposal</b>	OUTLINE Planning Application with all matters reserved save for access for up to 9 First Homes
<b>Case Officer</b>	James Kirkham
<b>Organisation Name</b>	Nicola Ashton
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<b>Type of Comment</b>	Support
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>In the past I have lived in a village, my home was owned by a Housing Association and we lost half of your garden to a new build plan. I understand how many of the local people in great Bourton must feel - their village is being changed and growth being forced upon them. There will be more traffic and stress on utilities such as water and sewerage. They may feel that their lives will be negatively affected by having more families move into the village and the loss of green-land in proximity to their homes. However, I support this plan. It is almost impossible for people on an average or even higher than average wage to purchase their own homes in Oxfordshire, Warwickshire or the south of Northamptonshire. The price of an average 2 bedroom home is between 270,000 and 300,000, not including buying in Oxford itself. As a full time Secondary school teacher, I can not afford this amount and am currently being forced to look to relocate to the northern areas of the country. I have lived in Oxfordshire for over 30 years, yet I can not buy my own home and have the security this will provide for me when I retire. The new First Homes Scheme, is the very first time I have heard of the government actually coming up with an idea which makes some sense. Buying a share of a house, renting the other share and then trying to buy more as the house price rises, is not an affordable or sensible way to provide ownership for workers. We need homes which are actually affordable. These homes proposed here will still be expensive for workers such as myself, but they are more accessible. We have very little hope of otherwise being able instead of rent. Why should we keep paying other home owners to live in their homes? Why can't we own our own home, outright? Cherwell council needs to be providing a lot more houses under the First Homes concept and should definitely support this very small proposal. It might be that not many Key Workers have yet heard of the First Homes concept, or that so few developers are brave enough to support it that this might be why Cherwell Council have not had many people asking for homes under this scheme. The council should be braver itself and support First Homes in all new developments, and not support so much the shared buying scheme, which is in my opinion 'scheming', and does not offer people a true step on the ladder.</p>
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