

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 with all matters reserved save for access for up to 9 First Homes
Case Officer	James Kirkham
Organisation Name	Julie Johnson
Address	Oaklea,Manor Road,Great Bourton,Banbury,OX17 1QP
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I would like to object to this development, as I believe the location is unsuitable and the need for additional housing in this area has not been demonstrated with any compelling argument. The Hub Transport Planning report should be disregarded - largely because it would appear that the author never actually visited the site, and as such the report fails to mention some salient points. Whilst it is possible to walk to the shop in Cropredy, and the walk from Foxden Way is around 20 minutes for a relatively fit person, the walk back is up a long hill, made even more difficult if the walker has a pram and/or groceries purchased from the shop. There is no footpath connecting the proposed site with the main road of Great Bourton which would lead a walker to Cropredy, and from the main road, staying on a footpath requires the walker to cross the street at least three times. The report refers to the bridleway connecting with the Oxford Canal towpath, and suggests that the user could cycle to the train station in around 15 minutes. This fails to note that the bridleway is inaccessible to cyclists any time it rains heavily as it becomes EXTREMELY muddy (I've seen cyclists carrying their bikes in parts of this path), and that the towpath has several permanent moorings with plants, animals and clotheslines which require cyclists to ride very cautiously - which they already do due to the potholes. A 15 minute cycle to town using this path is completely unrealistic, although on the Southam Road this may be possible. The report suggests that the twice weekly bus service could be due to Covid restrictions - which is incorrect, it's due to a lack of funding. The reports' summation that "the site is readily available by a variety of modes of transport that have the potential to reduce the reliance on the private car" is patently untrue and unrealistic. It is also important to note that whilst the developers propose to widen Foxden Way at the site entrance to facilitate passing traffic, the site is bookended by two extremely narrow single lane roads which makes any high density development extremely risky -unless the developer is already planning to build access to the site directly from the Southam Road (which is likely given they already own the adjacent field with Southam Road frontage). There is also a concern around car parking, as the size of the site does not allow for adequate parking for two cars per resident, plus any guests, deliveries or service vehicles - unless again the developer is planning to use the adjacent field as a car park. In summary, I don't believe the site can support the development, the village does not have the amenities to support it, and there is no appetite within the village for further green field destruction or high density building.</p>
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