

# 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>	Julie Tomlin
<b>Address</b>	The Barn,Crow Lane,Great Bourton,Banbury,OX17 1RL
<b>Type of Comment</b>	Objection
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>I note that the developer has changed the application and we are asked to comment again. The village has already commented in unusually large numbers and with a strong voice, and the changes make no difference. In principle we (and the village) object to the use of this area for development and the use of Foxden Way by further traffic. Regardless of scheme proposed we object in principal to development here. I reiterate for clarity: 1- This development is outside the village envelope and on green field. 2- Foxden way and the adjoining roads are unsuited to further traffic - Foxden Way is single track and access roads are also single track with tight bends and parked cars to negotiate at the Little Bourton end. I live on Crow Lane and any delivery requires careful planning with the delivery company to avoid School Lane and Spring Lane. 3- This is high value and much valued landscape which a development will spoil. 4- Foxden Way is used as a "green lane" and is popular with horse riders, dog walkers, runners and walkers. There are few places to walk for those unable to climb a stile or climb a hill so Foxden way is a popular place for daily exercise by the residents of the Bourtons. 5- Lack of meaningful public transport (ie you can't use it for going to work, or shop) means that most properties here have two cars at least. So traffic forecasts submitted do not reflect the reality of living in the Bourtons, so any development here is UNSUSTAINABLE. Giving people a bike (Garners Field development) is green wash and erodes respect for the planning system - they are not used in place of a car. Try riding a bike up the hill from Banbury with shopping and ask yourself how many people could actually do this? The reality is that in Great Bourton, which is on a hill, with a steep incline in all directions, the car is the chosen mode of transport for everyone even if distances are small and developers think we can walk. If you need to shop, or go to work, you take a car. The transport surveys bear no relationship to the reality here. You need to consider distance and the contours 6 - The Local Plan does not allow for this development and approving it would further erode public confidence in the planning system. 7 - The Bourtons have provision for affordable housing/first housing. There is already a broad spectrum of housing types in the villages and affordable housing on two existing developments. There is no proven need for further housing here and the submitted reports are meaningless - a poor use of statistics sadly. Others have argued this in more detail (eg see Brooks) There are better locations for first housing nearby in Banbury - indeed there are a number of new developments on the north side of Banbury which are better, with transport provision and nearby amenities. IN SUMMARY we strongly object to ANY development on this site, regardless of how it is presented. Please do not allow the urbanisation of a much loved green lane, in a highly valued landscape. It is contrary to the local plan and will open Cherwell to further speculative development on green field sites. Acceptance of development here is sure to erode public confidence in the planning system and the local plan.</p>
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