Comment for planning application 21/00922/OUT

Application Number 21/00922/OUT

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

Comments

Name

Emma and Stephen White

Address Foxden, Crow Lane, Great Bourton, Banbury, OX17 1RL

Type of Comment

Objection

Type neighbour

We object to the proposed planning application on the following grounds: The planning guide states that Great Bourton has a categorisation B status, which only allows for development within the built-up limit of the village, or outside of the existing boundary only on the basis of a demonstrable need for affordable housing. The proposal is outside of the settlement, and there is no demonstrable need for further 'affordable' housing in The Bourtons, with new affordable housing developments already having been recently completed at Garner's Field on the northern side of the village. There have been significant new housing developments over recent years in the local vicinity of the villages, between Little Bourton and Hanwell Fields, and the development of 5 further properties being constructed as infill on School Lane, with a further 2 properties already agreed for construction. The building process for these more recent properties has created months of disruption and damage to our lanes caused by construction traffic, and there will undoubtedly be further damage if this proposed development goes ahead. Another new housing development would further significantly increase traffic on the narrow country lanes of Foxden Way, School Lane, Crow Lane, Spring Lane, and Chapel Lane, which are all single track roads with blind bends, minimal passing points, and no pavements, and are already in a sad state of repair and cannot accommodate additional traffic These lanes are primarily used by local farmers, local traffic, pedestrians, dog walkers, parents with young children, mobility vehicles, cyclists, and horse riders. Accessing the development will lead to a significant increase in the number of vehicles using and parking on the narrow lanes, making it extremely dangerous for all road users. The nine-plus additional homes will generate a further 18 plus vehicles on the lanes with no provision for visitor parking on the planning application or taking into account delivery vehicles, refuse, and sewage treatment trucks. The narrow access roads in Little and Great Bourton will not cope with this traffic increase. The suggestion that our driveways can be used as passing points for any excess vehicles along the narrow lanes is also unacceptable. The village has no bus service, no shop, or school, and unfortunately is absolutely reliant on travel by car. Our 2 nearest villages, Little Bourton has only one pub, and Cropredy has a small community shop, but both are over a mile away again without a bus service.

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