

Comment for planning application 21/01123/F

Application Number	21/01123/F
Location	Hatch End Old Poultry Farm Steeple Aston Road Middle Aston Bicester OX25 5QL
Proposal	Demolition of existing buildings. Construction of replacement business units and associated external works. (Re-submission of 20/01127/F)
Case Officer	James Kirkham
Organisation Name	Annie Savage
Address	Middle Cottage,St Marys Walk,North Aston,Bicester,OX25 6AA
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I am not a resident of Steeple Aston, but am extremely concerned this application. I understand the NPPF requirements for the prioritisation of safety for pedestrians, cyclists and other road users and yet have not seen within the Transport statement anything which persuades me that this is being taken into consideration. Rather that the report carried out by Mode Transport Planning is a document which is partial in its support for the development and therefore needs to be viewed with suspicion as clearly it is not independent. I would like to object on 2 specific grounds: 1 Road safety at the site: I am a regular road user of the route via Fir Lane into Steeple Aston and there are specific points at which safety is currently an issue and an increase in traffic will in my opinion increase the risk to Pedestrians, cyclists and drivers alike. This is particularly the case around Dr Radcliffes school where parents use the road to park and walk along to drop off and collect their children in absence of any effective footpaths. The traffic survey estimates an increase in daily traffic of some 42 vehicles (excluding heavy lorries) on an already dangerous stretch of road and yet OCC has not objected. This is poor. Do we have to wait for an accident before action is taken - sadly I think the prevailing view that a number serious incident need to occur before they object/act is unacceptable and bordering on negligence. A local authority is being made aware of significant risk and surely cannot choose to disregard the input from people with experience and concern. 2 Whilst traffic from the site does and will continue to use Steeple and Middle Aston for journeys to and from the south, the route commonly used by vehicles heading north is via Middle Aston Lane to North Aston. In many places it is single track and yet is used by heavy lorries, coaches and a great number of cars. The condition of the road is currently deteriorating and in addition to lack of surface tarmac, increasing potholes, vergeside erosion and ever enlarging water pooling, speed is unrestricted and collisions not infrequent. I have witnessed and narrowly missed being involved in a number of 'close shaves' as a pedestrian as there is no footpath on a road at which the national speed limit of 60 applies. This can only worsen with more traffic on the road. The Hatch End development sits against the backdrop of enormous numbers anticipated by the Heyford Park expansion. The so called independence of the traffic statement does not consider this so again it cannot be seen as anything other than a supporting document to the application and therefore partial.</p>
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