

# Comment for planning application 21/01123/F

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| 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               | Diana Gardner   |
| Address            | Springvale,Heyford Road,Steeple Aston,Bicester,OX25 4SH   |
| Type of Comment    | Objection   |
| Type               | neighbour   |
| Comments           | <p>I fully support the Parish Council's letter of objections to the Hatch End development. It is a totally unacceptable development for such a site, but I am concentrating on the safety of our children. Since a child was killed outside the school in 1929 there have been no other fatalities. However having been involved with children arriving and leaving school as a parent and then teacher from 1980 to 2008 I have seen many frightening near misses. Parents park opposite the school so many children, focussed on going home or enjoying time at the playpark, dash across the narrow lane no matter how often they are told to look left and right. It is all too tempting and appears safe enough as many parents are obliged to stand in the road. Unfortunately parents are often distracted and when they do look for their children they've already run off. The worst case I witnessed was a van driver putting his fist on the horn and driving at great speed through the gap left by the school bus as children were surging out of the school gate. It cannot be argued that the employees at Hatch End would be asked not to use Fir Lane at 9am and 3pm as children arrive at different times for breakfast club and attend the various after school clubs of different durations. At the 29th October 1929 Inquest into the death of 5 year old Barbara Salter the jury found the accident to be unavoidable, but added that the approach to the school playground should be improved by the road authority. After almost 100 years this has never happened. Adding any more regular traffic to this already hazardous situation would be totally irresponsible.</p> |
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