

Comment for planning application 21/01224/OUT

Application Number	21/01224/OUT
Location	Land at former RAF Bicester Bicester Oxfordshire OX26 5HA
Proposal	Outline planning application for Automotive Experience Quarter comprising Commercial, Business and Services uses (Class E), Light Industrial (Class B2), Local Community and Learning Uses (Class F) and vehicle circuits (Sui Generis) with all matters reserved aside from that of access).
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Organisation	
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Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	I'm afraid I have to object to the plans laid out by Bicester Motion. I have concerns in the following areas: Noise pollution Traffic & infrastructure Pollution & the environment I have included some additional detail on each below. Noise pollution This doesn't relate to the noise of development (which will have an impact but be temporary), but instead to the ongoing noise of the vehicles on the tracks. Cars racing around a track with loud engines (in particular noisy classic cars) and screeching wheels causes a serious amount of noise. I've submitted a noise complaint about the track they have now, and that's before these major expansion plans. I'm sat inside my house now with the windows and doors closed and I can hear the track. The fact that this could be happening throughout the day on many days of the week is really worrying. It will be like living next to a motorway. I would hope that similar consideration would be given by the planning inspector. I would be interested to hear if Bicester Motion have put any plans in place to limit or absorb the noise pollution, and if they plan to limit the use of the track to specific hours? Traffic & Infrastructure Bicester Motion's plans seem ambitious. They want to become one of the top 20 tourist attractions in the UK. If that's the case then the traffic on the local roads will be overwhelming. There simply isn't the infrastructure to cope with that volume of additional traffic. Couple this with the affect that Bicester Village already has on traffic within Bicester, and add in Bicester Village's plans to expand. And add to that the plans to add tens of thousands of new homes to Bicester... and you can quite quickly see that this is going to be a nightmare! I would imagine that most of the traffic for Bicester Motion would come from the M40 side of town, which would mean a huge amount of additional traffic joining up with the Bicester Village traffic and making its way round or through Bicester. This will cause significant, long-term disruption for Bicester residents. I would like to hear what Bicester Motion expect in terms of additional traffic to their proposed facility? And what infrastructure they intend to put in place to cope with it? Pollution & the Environment I can't help but feel that this development is coming at completely the wrong time. The IPCC has just released a report that shows the severity of climate change, and here we are looking at plans for a major fossil fuel driven motoring development... One that will have highly inefficient classic cars roaring around the tracks throughout the day, bring potentially hundreds of thousands of cars to the site every year, many of which again being inefficient, polluting classic cars. If this development does pass planning, I think it stands a good chance of becoming national news. I hope that both the planning inspector and the rest of Cherwell Council considers this carefully to avoid embarrassment. On pollution, does Bicester Motion have an accurate assessment of the carbon footprint of this development? Will it be carbon neutral?? What do they expect to be the impact on the air quality? And what measures are they putting place to mitigate this?
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