

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).
Case Officer	Rebekah Morgan
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Address	59 Thompson Drive,Caversfield,Bicester,OX27 8FA
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>When Bicester Heritage took over the site with the stated aim of maintaining it as an example of a WW2 airfield I was all in favour of the move. Since then I have watched as Bicester Heritage become Bicester Motion and systematically go against the stated aim of Bicester Heritage. They have been allowed to constructively force a gliding club out by limiting their access to facilities and then the actual field itself. They now want to turn one of the few examples of a WW2 airfield left in the country into an amusement park with complete disregard and contempt for local citizens. The building of a massive hotel would completely destroy any heritage value the site has. Surely the hotels on the other side of Bicester are more than the capacity that is required for Bicester. What is the reason for building a hotel of this size. When cars are using the existing track the noise means that we cannot sit out in our garden and the smell from the fuel used is very strong and must be over allowed pollution levels. These days are becoming more prevalent. Their existing program of events block every road in local area and effectively means that travel on these days is not possible. Again the noise and pollution from cars using the Buckingham Road entrance opposite Thompson Drive is particularly noxious. The grass at the side of the road is often covered in an oily film. It was very noticeable that during lockdown when the site was barely used animals and birds came back. Unfortunately as the site has started to return to normal they have vanished. I cannot see how they say that noise will be controlled and minimal. They say it is at present but it is extremely loud at times and must be breaking allowed noise levels. The continual revving of engines, extreme breaking and then acceleration produce noise levels that are completely unacceptable and that is on one small track. Add in polluting 4x4s and all the other high performance polluting vehicles and this will be an environmental disaster. I can only assume that in considering this you will be looking at very high sound abating fencing. Adding another eyesore. The traffic at present is not controlled and consequently, as I have stated, blocks all the roads in the local areas. Thompson Drive and Skimmingdish lane are turned into rat runs, with cars and motorcycles driving recklessly and noisily through residential areas. Any increase in present levels of traffic will inevitably lead to a major accident. As another issue how were Bicester Heritage\Motion allowed to create a 'new' entrance on the Buckingham Road. Unless there are going to be more entrances built, then the Buckingham Road will become unusable. My main objections to this project are: Noise levels Pollution levels Safety of local citizens Environmental issues, ie destruction of green space. The potential for flooding with all the tarmac and concrete that will be laid. Destruction of wildlife habitat. Light pollution from the inevitable floodlit parts of the site. The lights they use when the site is used for overflow Bicester Village parking light the surrounding area up a considerable distance and light up both of the front bedrooms of the house I live in. (Where will the overflow parking go If this is allowed to go ahead.) One other aspect of this is that the Conservative Government is adamant that it wants to curb emissions from motor vehicles and is banning the sale of petrol and diesel engine cars in the near future. The vehicles that attend these attractions\events are amongst some of the most polluting vehicles on the planet, therefore on environmental grounds this project has to be rejected. This project will do nothing for the quality of life in the surrounding area and as such has to be a non starter.</p>
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