

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
Organisation Name	
Name	Chris Littler
Address	65 Thompson Drive,Caversfield,Bicester,OX27 8FA
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>We object to this planning application because it would add to the sufferance we already experience on days when cars are being tested or raced. It would adversely effect our quality of life due to the increase in environmental effects (both engine/tyre noise and air pollution) and traffic congestion on top of that which we currently endure. As it stands, there are days when the old taxi-ways on the airfield are used as a racing/testing circuit on non-race days and the noise from accelerating engines and squealing tyres already have a significant adverse effect on our quality of life, so much so that we cannot hold a conversation outdoors in the garden as the noise is too loud and disruptive. It is not merely the high level of noise that is currently a nuisance, it is the 'rate of change' of the noise, and the type of noise that is so disruptive too. If this planning proposal goes ahead then more people will be affected as it is anticipated that more people will be working from home for the foreseeable future. Bicester Motion have neither engaged nor communicated with the community with the existing activities that take place on non-event days, so this does not bode well for their proposed expansion of activities. To date, Bicester Motion have taken no mitigation measures to reduce the effects of noise originating from the racing/test circuit near the hangars. In regard to the inevitable increase in air pollution, the air quality is invisible to residents on a day-to-day basis but may have a profound affect in the long term and especially on those who suffer with a respiratory illness. What mitigation measures will be taken to reduce air pollution across the site and will air pollution monitors be installed? Regarding traffic control on event days, it needs to be managed better, perhaps with other entrances/exit gates used. The gate opposite the junction of Thompson Drive/Buckingham Road gets too congested, with drivers travelling from all directions losing patience, and performing dangerous manoeuvres to avoid turning traffic into the airfield. We are not anti-development or anti-progress but we believe this motor activity (both current and proposed) is not the right development so close to a residential area.</p>
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