

Comment for planning application 21/01535/F

Application Number	21/01535/F
Location	Lane Head Main Street Sibford Gower OX15 5RT
Proposal	Demolish existing garage for replacement with oak framed carport and roof alterations to create first floor over existing ancillary outbuilding to create pool and annexe accommodation
Case Officer	Lewis Knox
Organisation Name	KATE WOOD
Address	Long Barn,Main Street,Sibford Gower,Banbury,OX15 5RT
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>As a resident of Main Street, and living practically adjacent to the proposed building-works, I cannot stress how much I object to this application. The lane is exceptionally narrow. It begins with a sharp dog-leg corner with buildings and high walls on each side making it difficult, if not impossible, for larger vehicles such as ambulances, fire engines and many kinds of heavy duty vehicle to even gain access to the lane. The lane continues to be narrow and ends with a gate beyond which is a private, non made-up road. The entrance to our property is beyond that gate. When the gate is shut (it is owned by the farmer and is opened and closed to necessitate movement of cattle etc) it is impossible for vehicles to turn. When the gate is open vehicles already turn on the private road and unfortunately often use our drive to turn, damaging the track's surface and causing noise and disruption on private property. Due to the extremely advanced age of the owner of this house, ambulances, professional carers, and other medical personnel need 24-hour access to the property. Plus taxis for transportation to hospitals etc. This would be seriously compromised while building works occur. In short, the lane simply cannot sustain the amount of traffic necessary to carry out the proposed "improvements". There is nowhere for any delivery/building vehicles to park other than in the lane itself, thus blocking off access entirely, potentially putting the safety of elderly residents at risk. As for the inconvenience - that elderly residents should have their "twilight" years disturbed and blighted by this seemingly unnecessary development is both upsetting and unconscionable. That it should happen for what is little more than a garage/pool-house refurbishment verges on cruelty. In summary 1. The lane is too narrow 2. The access is too limited 2. There is nowhere for traffic to turn 4. Any extra vehicular activity would block the lane and any access/egress 5. Elderly residents' lives and mental well-being are being put at risk</p>
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