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New comments have been received for application 21/01630/OUT at site address: Land at North West Bicester Home Farm, Lower Farm and SGR2 Caversfield

from Richard Vaughan [REDACTED]

Address:
7 Cranberry Avenue, Bicester, OX27 8BD

Comment type:
Objection

Comments:

Could all the eco homes be built to the highest specification and have passive house status with battery storage for the solar panels.

I see the plan is to stick to 40% outdoor green space, could this be incorporated into front gardens for people's homes?

If we have families with young children, it is not convenient to have to walk a distance to the back of the house to what could be a busy car park in the morning, a way to future proof the homes would be to have more homes with front drives for their vehicles.

The current homes were built and marketed as homes you could grow with but that is far from the reality. If these are homes we could grow with, could the back gardens be designed where the square metre matches the square meters of the house, especially as our community garden grow beds are smaller than we had expected. Selling the homes as eco is about being self sufficient as well and having the space in your back garden to grow crops. Growing your own vegetables reduces your carbon footprint.

Could garages be a size where an estate car fit in comfortably.

Roads should be designed where traffic is equally spread around the estate (where possible). Even now where we are only a few houses in there is congestion on the access roads, a way of preventing more congestion is to build more access roads and not just relying on the ones we have currently. The plan for 40% outdoor green space, to me wouldn't include congested traffic.

Could we have cycle lanes please?

Could the roads for Firethorn's development be passed on to the council? I don't see how it is fair we have to pay to maintain the roads when everyone else in and around Bicester use the roads on Elmsbrook as well, we all pay council tax, and that would be the fairest way for all the residents.

Please don't build anything with flat roofs, these cause so many issues. The build work must be to the highest standard as it isn't sustainable if workmen are having to redo shoddy work with new materials, this increases the carbon footprint. Having a plant based diet reduces an individuals carbon footprint by average 0.8 tonnes a year.

Global experts call for a target limit of approximately 2 tonnes per person per year, individuals in this country average 12.7 tonnes. The top two things we can do as individuals to reduce our carbon footprint is change the way we travel and what energy and resource is used in our homes. Every single homebuyer should be offered if they would like certain "add-ons" or "upgrades" like kitchen worktops, or if someone would prefer carpet or wooden flooring in a room as residents homes haven't been to their liking and their changing things out which isn't sustainable, but most of us weren't given this option when we bought our home. We have a long way to go to reduce our footprint by 10.7 tonnes a year. The Elmsbrook estate is being talked about across the globe and we need to live up to the reputation others have given us, the reality is we could do a lot better in regards to being zero carbon homes, we aren't unfortunately, my points prove this.

Is Firethorn going to be using the energy centre? Will you need to if the new homes will be passive homes? I agree with Elmsbrook Community Organisation's point that "The district heating network has been designed to supply up to 1200 homes and currently supplies 270 homes. If the 530 homes do not connect to the network then it will never be fully optimised and the full benefits of the system will not be realised. If a more affective and environmentally friendly system is being considered this should be developed in conjunction with the existing network so that the full benefits can be made available to all." I would like to add that by not using the facilities that have already been built would be wasteful and it won't reduce the new homes carbon footprint by making use of what is already here, it may infact increase homeowners footprint if a different supplier is chosen, even if they have 100% renewable energy.

I'm hoping the new developer, Firethorn, will step up, even it it means covering these extra costs in the sales prices of the houses.

We are interested in looking for our next property on this phase so I hope it is meticulously planned.

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