Comment for planning application 21/01630/OUT

Application Number 21/01630/OUT

Location

Land at North West Bicester Home Farm, Lower Farm and SGR2 Caversfield

Proposal

Outline planning application for residential development (within Use Class C3), open space provision, access, drainage and all associated works and operations including but not limited to demolition, earthworks, and engineering operations, with the details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved for later determination

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Type of Comment

Objection neighbour

Type

Comments

Thank you for sending on notice of the updated outline planning application for further houses at the NW Bicester site. My comments on these documents are as follows: 1) It is positive to see that the developer has now included a signalised pedestrian crossing for St Lawrence's Church in these plans. This should be made a requirement if this application is approved together with a pedestrian link to the new housing site. 2) I am disappointed that no plan has been made for enforcing the bus gate with a funded enforcement camera, and a plan for providing this needs to be put in place prior to the application before this application is approved. 3) It is difficult to comment on the additional pedestrian access plans for the site, as the latest VTC consultancy response document explains this poorly. However, I cannot see any reference to pedestrian access to services outside of Bicester itself. As I noted in my previous objection, there is a footpath to Bucknell in close proximity to the site of this development, but which cannot currently be accessed by any safe pedestrian path as the only public right of way is beside the busy B4100 to the lay-by north of the site. The local NHS midwife service is based in this village, and this development should only be approved if a safe pedestrian link to the existing footpath to Bucknell is provided. 4) It is very disappointing that the VTC consultancy service has been unable to locate the existing 505 Bus Stop located on the East side of the B4100 next to the Charlotte Avenue turning (p25 of their consultancy response document). A Google Street Map image is attached below which should confirm the existence of this stop. It is located on a grass verge on the busy B4100 road with no safe pedestrian crossing, and is therefore not fit for purpose. As noted in the previous BUG consultation response, this stop should be relocated or improved together with adding a safe pedestrian link to the existing pedestrian crossing to the South. However, as the VTC consultancy service was unable to locate this stop during their survey, this important issue has also not been addressed. As a result of these outstanding issues, I unfortunately cannot support the current planning application and hope that these can be addressed in any future revision. Kind regards, Dr Michael Jones

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Attachments

The following files have been uploaded:

- E4907E60-793D-4616-A650-D77C7181CC2B.pdf
- 6B083587-9B90-4904-AB88-093347F4B494.pdf



5.7 PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- 5.7.1 The points raised in this portion of the Bicester BUG response are summarised below for ease of reference:
 - The bus stop on the east side of the B4100 north of the toucan crossing needs to be linked to the active travel paths.

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- A single bus stop is provided on the B4100, which is located to the north of the junction with Charlotte Avenue on the western side of the B4100 (not the eastern side as suggested by Bicester BUG) and is located approximately 185m north of the existing toucan crossing located on the B4100 south of the junction with Charlotte Avenue.
- 5.7.3 The comment from the Bicester BUG suggests that access to this bus stop is across a grass verge, but it is clear from the extract from google presented below that a paved footway provides access to this bus stop and the associated bus shelter.
- 5.7.4 An extract from google maps is included at Figure 5-1 to present the location of this existing bus stop.

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