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

Type

neighbour

Comments

I wish to object to this proposal due to several concerns: - The proposed homes will fail to meet the zero-carbon standard, which is one of the crucial founding principles of the NW Bicester SPD. It is counterintuitive (from both an environmental and technological perspective) that a future development does not adhere to the standards of a development commenced many years prior. - The traffic impact remains a concern with the updated proposal continuing to rely on the utilisation of roads not designed for these levels. The analysis neglects to use the latest figures as measured in 2021, and relies on a model demonstrated to conveniently underestimate the traffic levels. This analysis should be performed accurately and utilise the latest measured figures, as we already see queues and delays on the B4100 and Charlotte Avenue that are longer than initial predictions. - The district heating system has been poor over the last 5 years with performance and reliability issues, and (although not yet directly acknowledged) seems to have fundamental design flaws that need addressing. With many houses struggling to maintain comfortable temperatures in colder weather it would seem a particularly poor decision to reduce the potency of the existing system to attempt to stretch and cover even more houses. An independent audit of the system and fixes to existing issues should be conducted first. -There remains no detail with regards to the provision of local services.

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