## 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

**Case Officer** 

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**Type of Comment** 

Objection

**Type** 

neighbour

Comments

I wish to object to the amendment to this application supplied by the proposed developers. I also find it incredulous that such a short time span for objections has been given to this application. It makes no sense for the deadline to be during the week coming up to Christmas especially with a pandemic in full flight and lots of people ill and therefore unable to lodge their objections. I objected to the original application. My main cause for complaints are largely the same. There is so much incorrect information in this new application. 1) The increase in traffic. What is missing from Firethorn's calculations are a) the pinch-points around Elmsbrook which means that only one car can pass at a time b) the amount of traffic generated as school times - many children do not live on the estate and as there is so little visitor parking on the estate, the parents have little choice but to park along the roads which creates even more cars waiting to get through the pinch points. The school is also used by other community groups in the evening with the same problem. The lack of enforcement on the bus bridge renders it at times dangerous. It is almost impossible to turn right out of the estate when the M40 is closed and traffic re-routed along the B4100 as it was today when Junc9 was closed. This is not a one-off. We all have to use our cars at times due to the timetable of the E1. Over the holiday period it is not running on 4 separate days. 2) The missing 505 bus stop. They refer to the one on the north side only. I know only too well about the dangerous bus stop on the south side and have been in consultation for some time with Cllr Donna Ford to find a solution 3) Firethorn have queried the Carbon Neutral basis that this estate is built on. How can there possibly be 2 different models next to each other? How can we co-exist? This would not continue to be a zero carbon estate. Is this because this pocket of land was not included in the master plan so they feel that they are not accountable? How does this fit in with Cherwell Councils objectives? 4) Open spaces. The beauty of this estate are the open spaces where we can all live much healthier lives than in an overcrowded town and our children and grandchildren have safe open play areas. Their lack of understanding as to effect of not including these in their plans makes me wonder if they are aware of the involvement of the Healthy Bicester incentives and the Garden Town status. Their estate appears to be very compact which goes against the open plan of Elmsbrook. 5) They appear to be relying on the Energy Centre for heating and hot water but has this been tested as a viable proposal? We know only to well that outages occur. Thank

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