

Comment for planning application 21/02286/F

Application Number	21/02286/F
Location	Land North West Of Launton Road Roundabout Adjoining Skimmingdish Lane Caversfield
Proposal	Construction of a coffee unit with drive-thru facility and indoor seating with associated access, car parking, landscaping and servicing parking
Case Officer	Rebekah Morgan
Organisation	
Name	Penny Stephens
Address	Woodside,11 West End,Launton,Bicester,OX26 5DF
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>This proposed development is inappropriate for several reasons. The location is inappropriate. It is on the edge of Bicester and not far from the neighbouring village of Launton. Its presence will no doubt lead to an increase of traffic through Launton, which is already a "rat run". A drive-through will see cars waiting with engines running, and this cannot be a good thing for the environment or nearby residents. The roundabout is already busy, especially in rush hour, and adding this facility directly accessed from the roundabout will increase the amount of traffic using the roundabout. With any increase in traffic, I would also have concerns about the safety for children and their parents making journeys on foot or by bicycle, between Launton and Bicester, crossing near to or using the roundabout. The surrounding land has already had recent development - the neighbouring care home is built on what had previously been allotment land, and there are now vast warehouses on the other side of the care home. With increased development nearby, spaces for wildlife are becoming more scarce. The proposed site is currently a wooded area and a valuable resource for wildlife. Placing a drive through coffee shop on the edge of Bicester encourages yet more traffic away from town centre coffee shops, and will no doubt affect businesses in town. All in all, this is a completely inappropriate development for this site.</p>
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