

Comment for planning application 21/02467/F

Application Number	21/02467/F
Location	OS Parcel 0005 And Part OS Parcel 1300 0878 And 7566 Banbury
Proposal	Erection of mixed-use development including a 240-bed hotel, 4-storey office building and roadside services including 2 no hot food restaurant drive-throughs, a coffee shop drive-through and a petrol filling station with ancillary retail store
Case Officer	Bernadette Owens
Organisation Name	Barry Whitehouse
Address	Gladscote, Banbury Road Through Wardington, Wardington, Banbury, OX17 1SH
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I object to this on the following grounds: Services already exist less than 15 miles to the north and south of this, so it's not needed. An increasingly congested motorway junction is already an issue. My commute from Wardington to Banbury can take anywhere from 15 minutes to an hour! Also there are no signs of a slip road for this, and access via A361 is not suitable for the volume of traffic plus other road users. The motorway junction can't well service its current road users or traffic capacity as it is, any additional increase will mean further congestion on all exit and entry routes at peak times. Add to this the extra amount of traffic in this area from the Gateway fashion park and the junction will be practically gridlocked and unusable for most of the day. The air between the motorway junction and Banbury is already one of the most polluted areas in Oxfordshire. Adding more services and traffic will only increase and worsen this. The main justification for the Banbury Area 15 development was the creation of highly paid, technical, forward looking employment. The Euro Garages application provides virtually none of this, so why do we need it? There is already a hotel close to the junction, and a new one being built on the canal side. I do not see the justification for another. Keep in mind that HS2 heavy goods vehicles will soon be running along the A361 from motorway to various construction sites, we have been warned of 40 heavy goods vehicles per side per hour - this alone will substantially increase the traffic on an already dangerous and congested road, so the addition of this site will make travelling along the motorway junction and A361 virtually impossible for those that live in Williamscot, Wardington, Chacombe and the South Northants villages beyond.</p>
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