

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
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Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Few can have failed to notice the blot on the landscape of the massive warehouse (in construction) that now dominates the eastern side of the M40. Incredibly, this latest application proposal states that "the proposed development will be seen entirely in the context of the large commercial warehouse buildings and its visibility will be obscured by them when viewed from the north. " But what of the impact of this new development on the landscape when viewed from the south, east and west? The proposal also seems to say that because of the current warehouse development "Any further development in this location and of the scale proposed will have a lesser relative impact." Should we be grateful? It was a huge mistake on the part of the Council to approve development for the enormous warehouse on the eastern side of the M40 and it will be a further mistake if they pass this application. The environmental impact from additional traffic to the development (on top of the traffic to the new warehouse) will invariably clog up the motorway roundabout and all the link roads to/from it. And do we REALLY need more drive through, fast food outlets? More rubbish along the roads, junk food and Banbury's own contribution to global warming? The Proposers claim that that this application differs from the previously (rejected) application because there will not be motorway signage to the service station. They suggest that because there will not be motorway signs the new development would not to attract motorway traffic. Surely this argument cannot stand up to scrutiny. If a service station were approved (along with drive through food outlets) it would soon appear on any Search Engine/google map for motorists using the M40? Banbury has some of the lowest unemployment rates in England. Unfortunately many of the jobs that this sort of development provides are likely be some of the most poorly paid - is that what the town really wants and needs? And, if they cannot be found locally, staff would have to travel in order to get to the development - so potentially more traffic? The Council have an opportunity to have a little more vision and foresight for the Town and people who live in it and the villages around Banbury when considering this Application If this area must be developed, at least let it be in such a way that improves the town and what it has to offer. The crucial question for planning in our times is how any development will meet sustainability criteria as we face the challenges of global warming. I can see nothing positive in this development but instead, more depressing acres of concrete with the inevitable negative impact on the environment and accompanying increase in pollution and traffic that it would cause.</p>
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