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 I wish to object to this application for a large scale development outside of Banbury. The very recent report by the IPCC on the urgent need to tackle climate change explains in no uncertain terms that we all need to make drastic changes to the way we live. Building a 'speculative' 4 storey out of town office block, drive-thru restaurants and an expensive hotel on the outskirts of our town does not in anyway reflect the conclusions of the report. There is nothing sustainable in this proposal and it belongs to an earlier era when the science of man-made climate change was still in doubt. Furthermore, the effect of the pandemic on office based working habits, with many people adopting home working and flexible hours, means the need for a new office block is doubtful. Contrast this application with the current development in the centre of Banbury; Lock 29 eateries, the centrally located new hotel, upgrading of the canal area and making the town more pedestrian and cycle friendly. Thoughtfully managed, this should lead to more local jobs in tourism, hospitality and the green economy, as well as providing a pleasant and healthy environment to live in. Individuals alone cannot hope to make the changes necessary for maintaining a habitable environment and we have to look to policy makers to make the bold and informed choices, for the safety of all our futures.

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