

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	Liz Green
Address	7 West Bar Street, Banbury, OX16 9SD
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I object absolutely to the plans submitted. Banbury does not need another 'out of town' development including petrol station, hotel, office accommodation or fast food outlets. Banbury Town Centre is in serious decline. Major shops have closed and the space is still vacant. The area between the town hall and the bus station has an air of dereliction. The population of Banbury is increasing but residents of new estates have no affinity with Banbury and don't wish to pay parking charges to come in to an empty town. The Gateway 'out of town' shopping centre was a serious mistake in decreasing footfall into the town centre, with a number of properties currently vacant. Hotels. Banbury already has 2 Premier Inns, one very recently opened plus 2 major hotels in historic properties in the town centre plus a number of smaller B&Bs. An out of centre hotel will not bring people into Banbury but will increase the traffic chaos often found at the M40 roundabout. Do people really want to stay at a luxury hotel on a trading estate? Petrol station. We have 3 supermarket petrol stations in town plus an Esso station less than half a mile from the M40. On the M40 itself there is a petrol station 12 miles either side of Banbury Office accommodation. A walk through Banbury will show how much office space is currently available. How much office space has recently and is currently being converted into residential accommodation, much of which is unsold or unlet? How much office space is now redundant following the recent 'Working from home' trend which seems set to continue? There is no guarantee new office accommodation will be occupied and therefore will may create more jobs, it is more likely that firms will relocate and abandon the centre of Banbury. Fast Food Outlets. There are already 'fast food' outlets on the Gateway site and more on Trading estates throughout Banbury. We do not need more. Employment. Many of the jobs provided by the development will be low paid 'picking' jobs, or in the hospitality trade. Is this the employment that Banbury needs? Traffic. There are often long tailbacks onto the M40 roundabout from Banbury and from the Daventry and Brackley roads, further development can only exacerbate these issues. For the sake of Banbury's future I ask Cherwell to reject this application and any further development beyond the M40 motorway. Do we really want to become known as 'The Gateway to the Warehouse Town of Banbury'.</p>
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