

FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL



Cherwell District Council
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Attention of Bernadette Owens- Case Officer

August 2021

Planning Application Reference Number 21/02467/F dated 19/7/2021
Subject --Banbury 15 Motorway Service Area Development



Dear Ms Owens,

Please accept this document as an official OBJECTION from Farthinghoe Parish Council to the above mentioned Planning Application Number 21/02467/F. Already there are a plethora of documents on your allotted website and these detail a large number of reasons why this development should not be allowed to go ahead.

We apologise for the Subject title on this mail but in Farthinghoe we see this Planning Application as a thinly & poorly disguised attempt to add the final part of the jigsaw to complete the Motorway Service Area applied for in 2017 on Planning Application 17/01044/F

In 2017 we could only look at the planned proposal with dismay. Now in 2021 we can actually see the partly constructed monstrosities which were the first part of that plan & our dismay turns to horror that it might now be completed in its entirety.

We agree with almost all of the objections tendered so far but in addition Farthinghoe has its own unique problem which will be exacerbated by this particular planned development, A problem which has been profoundly added to each time Cherwell District Council passes plans for yet another warehousing & logistics complex without any due regard for our problem. "Our" meaning the residents of Farthinghoe along with the thousands of drivers who traverse the A422 daily.

Farthinghoe is the sole remaining village in our county which is located on a designated Strategic County Highway and which remains without a desperately needed bypass. As anyone who travels regularly between Banbury & Brackley will know our village is a severe traffic pinch point and such pinch points bring with them considerable frustrations & associated dangers.

It is very clear to us that our village predicament will not be taken into account or considered during the considerations for this proposed development and our situation, which is currently at breaking point, will just continue to get worse.

There seems to us to be a complete shortage of apparent interaction between the relevant County Councils and Unitary Councils when considering such developments which are taking place close to County or District borders, developments which have significant side effects on either side of such borders.

We believe in developments which are designed to increase prosperity and job opportunities in our area, but we believe that only lip service is being paid to the oft toted phrase "but adequate infrastructure should first be in place"

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This infrastructure plan should be in place and budgeted before such developments are even considered.

We also have grave doubts about the need for a J11 Service Area at all, being that there are existing M40 Service Areas in close proximity to Junction 11 both to the North and to the South.

We would also point out this developer is already the owner of a filling station & convenience store which is less than a mile from this Junction & would ask them to explain their future plans for this site.

We have noticed mention of the use of Junction 11 by HS2 Construction traffic on a number of other objections. It is only relatively recently that that this data has become available & this data alone is very concerning.

According to the HS2 Traffic Plan their construction traffic will use the J11 roundabout entering & leaving on both the A361 & the A422.

On the A361 there will be up to 1000 HGV Movements per day along with 1500 other vehicle movements per day

On the A422 the movements will be up to 1000HGV + 2000 other vehicle movements per day

There is a lot of scepticism locally that the planned changes to the traffic light system will even cope with these HS2 projections let alone the building and use of a Motorway Service area & a warehousing & distribution complex

We urgently request Cherwell District Council to reject this planning application in its entirety.

Yours Faithfully

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