

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	John Roulstone
Address	12 Silver Street,Chacombe,OX17 2JR
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I object to the proposal mainly because of the increased traffic movements that this development will bring. Junction 11 of the M40 cannot cope easily with existing traffic let alone the increase in traffic which this proposed development will bring. To have an access for this development on to the A361 will lead to hold ups at the M40 junction more than are experienced at present. This will result in more people using the surrounding villages as rat runs, an increase in traffic that they cannot cope with. 780 parking spaces will generate a lot of extra traffic onto an already very busy M40 roundabout, and A361, every day. I note a Traffic Assessment of 433 pages is enclosed with the application. How anyone is supposed to read through that lot I do not know. I couldn't find a summary of it anywhere. A very visible summary should be available to all. I do not believe another fuel service station is needed on this development as the area is already well served by these. As for fast food outlets they are everywhere already. A motorway service station was denied for this development and these proposals should be too. The motorway is well served by the services 10 miles south and 13 miles north. I haven't noticed them putting up "Services are FULL" signs to warrant a fuel station plus fast food outlets in between them. To have a motorway services in all but name, is just a ruse to get around the previous denial of planning permission. If this development is given the go ahead then every action must be taken to ensure that there is NO PUBLICITY for it on the M40 itself, or on any motorway signage. Banbury's roads are frequently clogged up especially around the M40 junction, and to add to the traffic will make them even worse. People will not therefore wish to come to Banbury to work and to do their shopping if things get much worse. Huge housing developments are already making things worse will little infrastructure improvements to counter them. Efforts to revive Banbury Town Centre will fail if no one can get there due to traffic issues. Adding a motorway services, in all but name, in order to kill off Banbury Town Centre, and choke surrounding villages, seems like the height of folly to me. To conclude, I believe the local economy and quality of life will be harmed by this application going ahead rather than be boosted by it. If I am right, then to allow it would be a backward step for the Banbury area. So, I wish to object to this planning proposal, and that Cherwell District Council should reject the application.</p>
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