

21/02467/F

Chacombe Parish Council **OBJECT** to this application as it will adversely affect the lives of our Parishioners and those in the surrounding villages.

Chacombe Parish Council fundamentally agree with all of the objections published to date but in particular would like to draw attention to the response from the representative of the CPRE, 22 Thornhill, published on 3rd September - this response is carefully researched and considered, extremely detailed and we fully agree with the points raised.

In addition, we would like to highlight the following:

- The proposed hotel is outside all of the permitted development areas for the site so it should be refused.

Traffic Impact

The bus company, Stagecoach, currently provides an hourly bus service through Chacombe on the No.500 Banbury-Daventry route, which is a vital service for many Chacombe residents. This service has been threatened previously and the current arrangements have been hard-fought-for by our Villagers and an agreement with the bus company reached. When the previous planning application for this site (17/01044/F) was submitted in 2017, Stagecoach advised that if the No.500 journey can't be completed in a reasonable time, as per the current timetable, they would amend the route, remove the service from Chacombe, in order to keep the No.500 route viable. The development proposed in this application (21/02467/F) will create additional traffic around the already overloaded and congested M40 J11 roundabout which would result in the loss of the bus service to Chacombe.

- The lack of bus route will kill access to Banbury for Chacombe villagers, and those in other local villages sitting east of the M40 motorway, who don't have access to a vehicle. These people will have to decide whether to use other towns that they can access by bus, such as Brackley and Leamington Spa, or shopping online. Both of these options will result in reduced consumer spending in Banbury. This does not support Cherwell District Council's stated desire to 'Connect, innovate, and grow' in relation to the local economy. If online shopping increases, this will also increase the number of vehicle movements in Chacombe and the surrounding areas, including the already-congested M40 J11 roundabout. Those who do have access to a vehicle, but choose to use the bus service in order to be more environmentally friendly, will have no option but to drive into Banbury. Therefore, further adding to the existing congestion issue and local carbon emissions/footprint.
- Current levels of congestion on the M40 J11 roundabout already cause some road users to use Chacombe as a rat-run cut through. A number of Chacombe residents have recently raised their concerns with the Parish Council about traffic, in particular speeding, through the village. The Parish Council are already trying to address these issues, where possible, but an increase in the number of road users who don't know the village, and its narrow roads, are likely to exacerbate this problem.
- These road users who cut through Chacombe to bypass the M40 roundabout are usually heading to the main A361 towards Wardington and Chipping Warden. The stretch of the A361 between Banbury and Wardington is an area already known to Cherwell District Council (CDC) and Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) as an accident blackspot. It is particularly dangerous for vehicles pulling out of the Wardington Road onto the A361 at the top of Williamscott Hill. We believe that there are currently discussions taking place between CDC and OCC about how to make this road safer. Creating extra congestion on the M40 J11 roundabout will be counterproductive, as more people will cut through Chacombe village as an alternative route. Thereby, inadvertently, pushing more people/vehicles into a known accident blackspot.