



**Cherwell**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL  
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

# NOTICE OF DECISION

## TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)

### Name and Address of Agent/Applicant:

Mrs Emma Lancaster  
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Russell Street  
Leeds  
LS1 5SP

### Full Planning Determination

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**Date Registered:** 30th September 2021

**Proposal:** Full planning application for employment development (Use Classes E(g)(iii), B2 and/or B8) comprising 5 units within 3 buildings and associated parking and servicing, landscaping and associated works

**Location:** Axis J9 Phase 3, Howes Lane, Bicester

**Parish(es):** Bicester

### REFUSAL OF PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT

Cherwell District Council, as Local Planning Authority, hereby **REFUSES** to grant planning permission for the development described in the above-mentioned application, the accompanying plans and drawings and any clarifying or amending information. **THE REASONS FOR REFUSAL ARE SET OUT IN THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE.**

Cherwell District Council  
Bodicote House  
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David Peckford  
Assistant Director – Planning and Development

**Date of Decision: 15th July 2022**

**Checked by: Alex Chrusciak**

## REASONS FOR REFUSAL

1. The proposed development introduces unanticipated commercial uses onto a site identified for housing via the Masterplan included within the North West Bicester Supplementary Planning Document 2016. The development proposed would be incompatible with the existing residential uses to the east of Howes Lane and would have a detrimental impact upon the residential amenity of those nearby residential occupiers. The proposal is therefore not considered to be sustainable development and is contrary to Policies SLE1 (in particular paragraph 6, bullet point 7 (with respect to land uses and residents only), ESD15 (in particular bullet points 3 and 11 (but not related to privacy, natural lighting, ventilation or indoor and outdoor space)) and Policy Bicester 1 (paragraph 2 and bullet points 1 and 25 under the section titled 'Key site specific design and place shaping principles') of the Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 2011-2031, Policy C31 of the Cherwell Local Plan 1996, the North West Bicester Supplementary Planning Document 2016 and the National Planning Policy Framework.
2. In the absence of a satisfactory completed S106 or other planning obligation, the Local Planning Authority is not convinced that the necessary infrastructure required both on and off site as a result of this development to mitigate the impact of the development will be provided. This would be contrary to Policies INF1, SLE4, and Policy Bicester 1 of the Cherwell Local Plan Part 1 2011-2031, the North West Bicester Supplementary Planning Document 2016, the Council's Developer Contributions Supplementary Planning Document (February 2018) and the advice within the National Planning Policy Framework.

## PLANNING NOTES

### STATEMENT OF ENGAGEMENT

In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) and paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework, Cherwell Council has given consideration to whether amendments or additional information would overcome its concerns with the application, but unfortunately it has concluded that it would not be possible to resolve those concerns within the scope and timescales of this application. Cherwell Council has resolved that the application proposals do not amount to sustainable development and consent must accordingly be refused.

The case officer's report and recommendation in respect of this application is available to view online at: <http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/viewplanningapp>. The agenda, minutes and webcast recording of the Planning Committee meeting at which this application was determined are also available to view online at: <http://modgov.cherwell.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=117&Year=0>

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**NOTES TO THE APPLICANT**

**REFUSAL OF PERMISSION**

The Local Planning Authority has refused consent for the reasons set out in the schedule forming part of this notice of refusal. A further explanation of the reasons for the decision can be found in the planning officer's report, which can be viewed in Public Access via the council's web site.

If you wish to examine any of the development plans which set out the Local Planning Authority's policies and proposals for the development and use of land in its area, these are available for inspection on our website, or at the District Council offices, Bodicote House, Bodicote, during normal office hours.

**APPEALS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE**

If you are aggrieved by the decision of the Local Planning Authority to refuse to grant planning permission or grant planning permission subject to conditions, you can appeal to the Secretary of State in accordance with Section 78(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

If you wish to appeal, then;

- For **Householder** applications you must do so within **12 weeks** of the date of the decision
- For **Minor Commercial** applications you must do so within **12 weeks** of the date of the decision
- For **all other types** of planning applications, you must do so within **6 Months** of the date of the decision

**Unless;**

- The decision on the application relates to the same or substantially the same land and the development is already the **subject of an enforcement notice** then you must appeal within **28 days** of the date of the Local Planning Authority's decision on the planning application.
- If an **enforcement notice is served** relating to the same or substantially the same land and development as in your application and if you want to appeal the decision, then you must do so within **28 days** of the service of the enforcement notice, or 6 months (12 weeks for householder and minor commercial) of the date of this decision whichever is the sooner

Forms can be obtained from the **Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN. Tel 0303 444 5000. Or online at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>**. The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to him that permission or approval for the proposed development could not have been so granted otherwise than subject to the conditions imposed by the Local Planning Authority, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of the development order and to any directions given under the order.

In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the Local Planning Authority based its decision on a direction given by him.

## **PURCHASE NOTICES**

If either the Local Planning Authority or the First Secretary of State refuses planning permission or approval for the development of land, the owner may claim that he/she can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.

In these circumstances the owner may serve a purchase notice on the District Council. This notice will require the Council to purchase his/her interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

## **COMPENSATION**

In certain circumstances compensation may be claimed from the Local Planning Authority if permission is refused by the Secretary of State on appeal or on reference of the application to him.

These circumstances are set out in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Planning and Compensation Act 1991.