

Comment for planning application 21/03267/OUT

Application Number	21/03267/OUT
Location	OS Parcel 0006 South East Of Baynards House Adjoining A43 Baynards Green
Proposal	Outline planning permission (all matters reserved except for access) for the erection of buildings comprising logistics (Use Class B8) and ancillary Office (Use Class E(g)(i)) floorspace and associated infrastructure; construction of new site access from the B4100; creation of internal roads and access routes; and hard and soft landscaping
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Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Large warehouses of this type will likely be used by global delivery firms, many of whom have ambitions to launch drone delivery services in the UK, with many already conducting testing in nearby counties. If this application is approved, it will only be a matter of months before the skies over rural Oxfordshire, including nearby military airbases such as RAF Croughton, will be filled with drones, creating a real and present danger to our security. The last published (2011 Census) statistics of unemployment rates show Cherwell at 1.3% of the local population, which is both lower than the average for Oxfordshire and a full two percentage points lower than the national average unemployment rate (3.3 - there is therefore no need to create employment opportunities where there is no identified need. Development of large-scale warehousing contravenes the Cherwell Local Plan (2011-2031) for Spatial Strategy. Point A.11 on Page 10 of the Local Plan makes specific reference to the "strict control of development in open countryside", as this Application is in open countryside, it should be refused, as per the vision, strategy and objectives of the Local Plan. The Application contravenes the Cherwell Local Plan's Policies for Building Sustainable communities as outlined in section B.87: "Cherwell's countryside, landscape and green spaces are important natural resources. They form the setting of our towns and villages, contribute to their identity and the well-being of Cherwell's communities, and provide recreation opportunities. The countryside's intrinsic character and beauty is important to the quality of life in Cherwell" Warehouse development on beautiful open countryside is not sustainable or environmentally friendly. Policy ESD 13 (Page 109) of the Local Plan states: "Proposals will not be permitted if they would: Cause undue visual intrusion into the open countryside; Cause undue harm to important natural landscape features and topography; Be inconsistent with local character; Impact on areas judged to have a high level of tranquillity." The Application directly contravenes all the above points. With no other means of transport to and from the site other than by private car, the Application does not take into consideration Strategic Objective 13 (page 35) of the Local Plan: "To reduce the dependency on the private car as a mode of travel" Policy ESD 13 (Page 111) of the Local Plan states: Proposals will not be permitted if they would: Cause undue visual intrusion into the open countryside Cause undue harm to important natural landscape features and topography Be inconsistent with local character Impact on areas judged to have a high level of tranquillity Harm the setting of settlements, buildings, structures or other landmark features Harm the historic value of the landscape. The Application directly contravenes all of the above points. Finally, this development will inevitably destroy hedgerow habitat in an area of natural beauty, which is of significant concern and has not been addressed to a satisfactory level by the applicants.</p>
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