

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
Case Officer	David Lowin
Organisation Name	Veronica Barnes
Address	Honeysuckle Cottage,11 Hethe Road,Hardwick,Bicester,OX27 8SS
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I strongly object to the proposal on the following grounds: In the Cherwell DC Local Plan, this site is not allocated for employment, or any other use. It shows the site retaining its current agricultural use. There are many other alternative sites in Cherwell, amounting to over 50 hectares of land, which have been allocated for employment and should be prioritised over this site. Why have a 'Local Plan' and then ignore it! The proposed development has an extremely large footprint. These buildings have great height, making them visible for many miles and the more so at night, when they would emit significant light pollution. Noise will also emanate from the warehouses day and night causing great discomfort to villagers and noise pollution. The site is in open countryside, which is entirely unsuited to a such a large-scale industrial development. The development would be an assault on the senses of local residents and the many visitors who currently and regularly enjoy the North Oxfordshire countryside. In short, it would be a complete eyesore. The local road system would not be able to cope with the additional volume of traffic generated by the development. Traffic between the set of roundabouts on the A43 from the Baynards Green petrol station to J10 on the M40 regularly comes to a standstill now - sometimes blocking egress from the M40. Tailbacks of traffic wishing to travel north towards the A43 at Baynards Green are already created well passed the Stoke Lyne turning on the B4100. Junction 10 on the M40 is already a malfunctioning junction and without massive redevelopment of the local road system this would worsen many fold. There would no doubt be more "rat running" of frustrated motorists (already driving at speed) through local villages, (including where I live in Hardwick) which have no pavements, thereby posing a very real danger to life and limb to pedestrians and other vulnerable road-users (e.g. walkers, cyclists and horse-riders). Also, because of the rural nature of the location, access to such a development for visitors and employees, could only be by road vehicle, which would add to the traffic congestion in the area. Has an environment sustainability audit been conducted to determine the increased carbon footprint, and its impact on global warming, of the additional traffic movements caused by the development? The proposal provides no economic or employment benefits for local residents. The area has a very low rate of unemployment as a percentage of the population. Unemployment in Cherwell is both lower than the average for Oxfordshire and lower than the national average. Therefore, there is no need to create additional employment opportunities here. Indeed, employees for the site would need to travel significant distances. Surely, it would be more sensible to build developments like this in areas of high unemployment and with appropriate housing. There are many local landmarks and historical buildings in the area. According to Historic England, there are at least twelve Grade II listed buildings close to the proposed site, and many others only a short way off. The detrimental impact caused to these and the countryside would be irreparable. As a local resident I and I know many, many others fear that should this plan be approved, it would 'open the floodgates' to other developments which would destroy a beautiful part of our country, not to mention increase pollution, and extensively damage the rural environment.</p>
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