## Comment for planning application 21/03268/OUT

**Application Number** 21/03268/OUT

Location

OS Parcel 2636 NW Of Baynards House Ardley

**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; construction of new site access from the B4100; creation of internal roads and access routes; hard and soft landscaping including noise attenuation measures; and other associated infrastructure

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**Type of Comment** 

Objection

**Type** 

neighbour

**Comments** 

As per the Cherwell Local Plan (2011-2031) the PROPOSED SITE IS NOT ALLOCATED FOR EMPLOYMENT USE and there are >50 hectares of allocated employment land for which Planning Permission has not yet been sought which should be developed ahead of unallocated. Applicant states there will be employment opportunities from the industrialisation of this area when there is NO UNEMPLOYMENT issue in the local area (as per the 2011 census, Cherwell has one of the lowest areas of unemployment in the country). Applicant should therefore look at other areas of greater need for employment. The site is in open countryside and not suitable for this type of mass industrial development, and if permission is granted, could set a precedent for future development. The harm to the landscape, and character of the area, would be dramatic. Traffic on the B4100 leading to Baynards Green is already at an unsustainable level and the increase in HGV traffic with 100s of lorries idling in long queues pumping out harmful emissions would be detrimental to the environment and health of local communities. A study on Air pollution and health risks due to vehicle traffic Sci Total Environ. 2013 Apr 15; 0: 307-316. looked at how traffic congestion increases vehicle emissions and degrades ambient air quality, with other studies showing excess morbidity and mortality for drivers, commuters and individuals living near these roadways, i.e. the health of the people in the surrounding villages would be impacted by this development. The site is not reachable via sustainable transport, and access to the site, for visitors and employees, will be via private motor car (and commercial vehicles) adding to the traffic problems on the B4100. The visual harm of ACRES OF 20M HIGH INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS would be detrimental to residents of Stoke Lyne (and those walking on nearby footpaths) especially to those whose houses have windows / gardens facing the site. Night lighting would exacerbate the problem. Noise inconvenience for local residents especially when a light westerly breeze blows (noise pollution would be exacerbated during the construction phase). 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 and Northamptonshire, including nearby military airbases such as RAF Croughton, will be filled with drones further exacerbating security and privacy concerns.

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