

# Comment for planning application 21/03765/REM

Application Number	21/03765/REM
Location	Sites B C D And E Mod Bicester Murcott Road Upper Arncott
Proposal	Reserved matters application for 19/00937/OUT - Phase 1c, Graven Hill: for 12 dwellings (Plots 593-596, 598, 599 and 603-606), together with associated road infrastructure.
Case Officer	Rebekah Morgan
Organisation Name	Paul Troop
Address	6 Foundation Square,Ambrosden,Bicester,OX25 2AQ
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>1. LOCAL CONTEXT The proposed development is not in keeping with the stylistic context of the immediate area. When we were invited to apply to build on what was to become Foundation Square, we were specifically told that Cherwell District Council were looking for houses that were 'unique, interesting, or distinctive' and that the homes should be 'innovative' and 'creative'. As a result, all builders made a huge effort to build houses that met those criteria. The street is a huge success and attracts visitors from all around the country on a daily basis to see how homes could be built better. However, the designs submitted as part of this application fit none of those criteria and therefore do not fit in at all with the stylistic context of the square. The designs are bland and cheap, reminiscent of so much identikit mass build housing that blights the British countryside. Other than minor variations, all of the houses are the same design, with the same budget materials for both walls and roofs. The windows are small, resembling cheap and badly designed mass builds that surveys have shown that the vast majority of people would not want to live in if they had the choice. There is nothing unique, interesting, distinctive, innovative, or creative about any of the houses proposed as part of this application. As such the application does not fit in with any of the previous homes already constructed on the square.</p> <p>2. ACCESS AND HIGHWAYS Currently, the only access to Foundation Square is across a flood attenuation area. Whereas previous planning applications have insisted that there must always be a permanently accessible pedestrian access route during floods, there is no such requirement to access Foundation Square. When it floods, it is not possible to drive a car through the water (as at least two written-off or damaged car owners will testify) and there is no safe pedestrian access. Graven Hill have indicated that they may be providing a pedestrian access route, though they say that they do not feel that they are obliged to do so. It is unclear whether any pedestrian route will be accessible to the disabled residents who do, or may, reside or visit Graven Hill. See attached photos. A condition that a permanently accessible disabled accessible footpath be provided at all times should also be required any work is initiated on the proposed plots.</p>
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