

Comment for planning application 21/04275/OUT

Application Number	21/04275/OUT
Location	Part OS Parcel 8149 Adj Lords Lane And SE Of Hawkwell Farm Lords Lane Bicester
Proposal	OUTLINE - with all matters reserved except for Access - Mixed Use Development of up to 3,100 dwellings (including extra care); residential and care accommodation(C2); mixed use local centre (comprising commercial, business and service uses, residential uses, C2 uses, local community uses (F2(a) and F2(b)), hot food takeaways, public house, wine bar); employment area (B2, B8, E(g)); learning and non-residential institutions (Class F1) including primary school (plus land to allow extension of existing Gagle Brook primary school); green Infrastructure including formal (including playing fields) and informal open space, allotments, landscape, biodiversity and amenity space; burial ground; play space (including Neaps/Leaps/MUGA); changing facilities; ground mounted photovoltaic arrays; sustainable drainage systems; movement network comprising new highway, cycle and pedestrian routes and access from highway network; car parking; infrastructure (including utilities); engineering works (including ground modelling); demolition
Case Officer	Caroline Ford
Organisation Name	Tom
Address	27 Mulberry Drive,Bicester,OX26 3FZ
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>My objections to this development are primarily relating to the constant environmental damage, destruction and pollution that we are doing across the entire UK and disappointed to find that it's continuing here when there's so much opportunity to invest in the natural capital that we're losing because of this unsustainable fiscal obsession. The UK has the lowest amount of tree cover in Europe and are we are losing so much wildlife because of urban sprawl - all because of a desire from governments to make as much money as possible before handing the time bomb over to someone else before it goes off. With the environmental crises we're facing, if we're going to be getting rid of fields, we should be investing in natural capital; restoring/replanting woodlands, creating habitats for wildlife, giving space for the nature that gave everyone so much during the pandemic, and has always pollinated our food crops, given us fresh air and soaked up our waste emissions so we don't choke on all the fumes we put out. Sustainability is not just a money game, it's ensuring there is the balance between finances, human capital and natural capital - without the natural capital, our mental and physical wellbeing is reduced leading to higher health care costs trying to fix the things nature gave us for free. I get that there are more people in the world and everyone needs a place to live, but so does wildlife. If we keep destroying the habitats, the wildlife will disappear forever and then it'll be too late - no matter how much money is thrown at it, you can't bring an extinct species back to life. There are enough brownfield and former industrial places around where houses and apartments can be put so why is there a need to take away new green land? Given Cop 26 and all the other promises that have been made over the years (and the number of failed promises) we should be committing to restoring wildlife spots instead of building over them. The BBOWT do a great job and I'm sure of this area was to be converted into a wildlife reserve, they wouldn't have any trouble getting the volunteers to put the work in. The benefits? Better mental health of the community meaning less financial investment in the free mental health service (brilliant that this service is offered by the way), more carbon sequestration/cleaner air, if rare species such as the cuckoo can be brought back there will be lots of tourism and good publicity for Bicester (more desirable place to live) , less congested roads in the area to name just a few. Please reconsider this development from a holistic perspective rather than just a financial gain. If there needs to be 3000 places to live, apartments could be developed with a fraction of the land use, public transport routes could be improved to this area with no parking spaces encouraging a more sustainable residential lifestyle and the extra space given to wildlife.</p>
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