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Re: Planning Application – 21/04275/OUT

Dear Ms Taylor

We have great concern regarding the further representations being made by the applicant with respect to the above planning application.

In their most recent letter to you (addressed somewhat informally to Suzanne), there is myriad new information being provided that they purport to be documents for 'clarification' purposes and outside of the Further Information definitions in the EIA Regulations 2017; it is abundantly clear that this is not the case and that the applicant is now making further representations and not merely providing clarification.

As you will know from the vast number of objections that have been made to the application, Bucknell, Bicester and other surrounding communities would be severely impacted by any speculative planning applications such as this. As such, we now require an appropriate amount of time to consider the new representations that the applicant is making. This is especially the case as they have submitted these latest new representations just prior to a scheduled decision date; this is despite them having had sight of all objections to their plans and appear to have been in extensive dialogue with various stakeholders both at CDC and statutory consultees to try and push their case through, for well over a year.

These further representations being made by the applicant appear to flout the rules and regulations surrounding the planning process and they are seeking to add detailed and complex arguments. We therefore seek an immediate extension of at least 6 months to be able to consider and respond to these new representations as well as those additional documents that they indicate will be submitted 'under separate cover'.

They further casually refer to meetings and documents that they and you (CDC) have held / exchanged recently regarding S106 draft Heads of Terms. In the interests of clarity and openness, please can you share all such relevant documents with us (rather than us having to make Freedom of Interest request to you).

Bucknell Parish Council is committed to ensuring that the appropriate planning process is followed and that any decisions made are in full alignment with the existing Cherwell Local Plan (not the draft version that has been rejected and returned to your planning group to be rewritten by your own Executive at Cherwell District Council – the applicant refers to these rejected plans as fact), that new representations submitted are fully and properly assessed for accuracy so that highly speculative planning applications such as this are subject to the right level of scrutiny. We therefore hope to be able to work positively and constructively with you and your colleagues to ensure that this is achieved.

Please confirm, by return, your receipt of this letter and the extended date that will be set to receive our comments on the new representations made.

Yours sincerely

Chris Wells
Chair, Bucknell Parish Council

cc: Bucknell Parish Council Councillors