## Comment for planning application 21/04271/F

Application Number	21/04271/F	
Location	Land South of Faraday House Woodway Road Sibford Ferris	
Proposal	Erection of 6 one storey age restricted dwellings (55 years) for older people with access, landscaping and associated infrastructure	
Case Officer	Wayne Campbell	
Organisation Name		
	Steven Kaack	
Address	Ferndale Cottage, School	Lane,Lower Brailes,Banbury,OX15 5HP
Type of Comment	Objection	
Туре	neighbour	
Comments	The location of the of the development is beyond the confines of Sibford Ferris village and in a field in open countryside. The villages of Sibford Ferris and Sibford Gower are not well serviced meaning residents are overly dependent on the nearby towns of Banbury, Stratford upon Avon and Chipping Norton. The future residents of the proposed development will face the same dependency. The proposed site entrance is 850m from the village Londis shop, which if accessed by foot, is via incomplete pedestrian footpaths. Where the footpaths do not exist, pedestrians are required to walk on the narrow road competing with motor vehicles. This distance is excessive for elderly pedestrians carrying their shopping. The nearest bus stop is 650m from the site entrance. On weekdays there are five infrequent buses to Banbury and Stratford, on Saturdays there are four and on Sundays there are no services. There are no services to Chipping Norton. These are less than frequent services. The Chartered Institution of Highways and Transportation (CIHT) guidance for the maximum walking distances to bus stops is: "400 metres on single high frequency routes (every 12 minutes or better)." "300 metres on less frequent routes." The important and sensible guidance by CIHT has clearly been disregarded by the applicant. The guidance also provides this statement: "Today buses face much greater competition from cars, an argument in favour of shorter walking distances, says the CIHT. A distance of 400 metres may also be excessive for elderly people." The main argument for the application is to provide a sustainable location for over 55s and older people to live. However, the location of two vital services, the shop and the bus stop, makes the development site unsustainable and will ensure the residents are entirely dependent on their motor vehicles. Considering this is a development aimed squarely at older people - who eventually give up driving - the location of this proposed development site is for six private market houses. These will contrib	
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