

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	Hugh Pidgeon
Address	Burdrop Green, Street From Hawkes Lane To Street Through Burdrop, Burdrop, Banbury, OX15 5RQ
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I wish to add my name to the many objections that have already been presented on this portal. I share the overall view that the development proposed by Blue Cedar Homes is unnecessary, inappropriate and unsustainable. Many well-argued submissions make the case that this application should go to full deliberation by the Council's Planning committee, which I also wholeheartedly support. The precedents being set by this application have repercussions extending far beyond the proposed 6 'homes' off Woodway Road. The original Gade development proposal on the Hook Norton Road was for 8 houses but is now for 34, of which only 9 are affordable/rental properties. In Sibford Gower, where I am a resident, the consequences of the error of judgement made in the early stages of the Council's Planning Review to re-categorise the two quite separate villages of Sibford Gower and Sibford Ferris as a single Category A village is already plain to see. It has already had repercussions that are correctly termed development creep; the now altogether too familiar sequence of outline planning permission established by one party, transmitted to a second which in turn converts and scales up the original proposal which then opens up the possibilities for a third developer to fill in any remaining spaces: precisely the sequence followed in the Sibfords by Land and Partners, who sold on the planning permission to Gade Homes who in turn anticipated and made provision for access to the remaining area of land for Blue Cedar to follow on in behind them. I am a resident of Sibford Gower, and we have watched helplessly as the new owner of the land adjoining Pound Lane in Sibford Gower has already come to an agreement with developers and builders to follow exactly the same pattern but on an even larger scale - and have already instigated initial pre-planning applications that fly directly in the face of the Cherwell Local Plan, of the historic landscape recognised as of outstanding natural beauty, and of the Council's own original 2009 Craitlus Report (that "of the 33 Villages being considered for development, Sibford Ferris and Sibford Gower, along with Shennington and Charlton-on-Otmoor were the "least capable sustaining additional housing"). That initial error of judgement has now been compounded by Cherwell District acknowledging there is a case to answer but electing to consider restoring the two villages to their original Category 'B' status only as part of the longer term Development Plan - which is not due to reach its final determination until 2031, by which time, at least as far as the two villages of Sibford Ferris and Sibford Gower are concerned, the planning approvals and speculative purchases of land will all be in place without any possibility of rectification or consequent redress. I urge the Planning Committee to intervene while they yet have time: to reverse the drift created by that original decision and to refuse this application. Hugh Pidgeon, 24.1.22</p>
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