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**Sent:** 26 January 2022 11:41  
**To:** Wayne Campbell; DC Support  
**Cc:** Transport CDC Minor; Cllr George Reynolds  
**Subject:** 21/04271/F Land South of Faraday House, Woodway Road, Sibford Ferris

Hi Wayne

I have looked over the above planning application and have the following comments:

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**Planning application:** 21/04271/F  
**Location:** Land South of Faraday House, Woodway Road, Sibford Ferris  
**Description:** Erection of 6 one storey age restricted dwellings (55 years) for older people with access, landscaping and associated infrastructure  
**Case Officer:** Wayne Campbell

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### **Recommendation:**

Oxfordshire County Council, as the Local Highways Authority, notify the District Planning Authority that they **object** to the granting of planning permission.

### **Comments:**

1. Service vehicle turning – The applicant has demonstrated that refuse and fire service vehicles can turn within the lower portion of the site. The applicant must also demonstrate that this is the case at the upper portion of the site. This is particularly important as plots 1, 2 and 3 are accessed via a narrow shared surface path. Service vehicles reversing long distances on this path would be a significant risk to pedestrian safety.
2. The shared access path to plots 1, 2 and 3 is too narrow. The newly adopted Oxfordshire Street Design Guide (2021) recommends a minimum width of 6m on shared access paths. It is recognised that the site will experience low speeds and a limited number of traffic movements. In light of this, it is requested that the shared access path be widened to 5m along its entirety. The right side footpath of the proposed adopted highway currently terminates abruptly at the proposed grass service strip. This should be altered to terminate at the shared access path for convenience and to protect vulnerable pedestrians.

The proposals are likely to have an adverse impact upon the local highway network in traffic and safety terms, OCC therefore object to the granting of planning permission.

If you would like to discuss any of the above in more detail, feel free to contact me.

Regards,

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