Comment for planning application 22/00489/F

Application Number | 22/00489/F

Location

Os Parcel 9078 And 9975 Adjoining Stocking Lane And North Of Rattlecombe Road Stocking Lane Shenington

Proposal

Erection of 49 dwellings (17 of which (35%) will be affordable homes) with associated garages, parking and refuse storage, private gardens and communal open space/play space, hard and soft landscaping (including SUDs feature and means of enclosure, reinstatement of hedging and ironstone walling along Rattlecombe Road)

Case Officer

Robin Forrester

Organisation

Name

Justine Cadbury

Address

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Type of Comment

Objection

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Comments

neighbour I write to set out my objections to the proposal to build 49 houses on the site off Rattlecombe Rd in Shenington as follows: 1) The impact of an extra 120 or so vehicles on the narrow roads in the village would be very significant, and potentially very dangerous. I live with my 3 young children at the top of the hill out of Alkerton and into Shenington and already feel very nervous of letting my children cross the road up to the Village Green as vehicles shoot up the hill very quickly at busy times of the day. An extra 120 cars would significantly increase the traffic into and out of the village. There are no shops or businesses in the village and therefore all the new inhabitants would be driving along the road towards Alkerton at least twice a day to reach work, schools, shopping etc. There are no pavements on the road into the village, limited lighting and there is a very narrow sharp bend at the bottom of the hill in Alkerton. Further, the Village Green has direct access onto this road, and children often play here, during weekends and school holidays, running across the road with little regard for the traffic, despite their parents best endeavours. If this development goes ahead it will surely be a matter of time before there is a serious accident, probably involving a child, with such an increased level of traffic. 2. The proposal would place an unacceptable burden on the infrastructure of the village - the sewerage system already cannot cope. My elderly neighbour owns a field into which the village sewer runs and Thames Water regularly have to undertake work to clear the sewer under her field of huge blockages - a further 49 houses will increase the burden on an already creaking sewerage system. The local grid and power station are already at full capacity.. Equally services such as the doctor are already oversubscribed and will not be able to handle the additional demand. 3. The proposal will have a hugely detrimental impact on the look and feel of this beautiful historic village, with no benefit to existing villagers. It will change the nature of the village and its community and no doubt lead to calls for further development to add amenities to the village. 4. Because of the current lack of amenities in the village, the housing will not be attractive to a wide range of people. With current fuel prices, anyone looking at moving into a rural village such as Shenington will need a car and to be able to afford the cost of fuel etc; the bus service is very infrequent, there is no employment in the village, there are few, if any, community groups such as groups for the elderly, carers, exercise classes, groups for young mothers etc that you find in larger villages such as Bloxham or towns like Banbury. The aspiration to provide affordable housing is laudable, but it is expensive to live in a village like Shenington with such limited amenities and bus services and it would be more appropriate to provide affordable housing in places that are more affordable to live in. 5. The proposed development is on a green field site within a Category C village. It would have a very detrimental impact on the character and feel of this historic rural village. I understand that because of the categorisation of the village only infill and conversion are permitted - not an extensive new development which is right on the border and encroaching on the Conservation Area of the village. I am not even allowed to chop down a tree on my property without asking for planning permission and so I would be astounded if the council felt it was appropriate to allow such a large and totally disproportionate development in our village.

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Attachments