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

Mark

Address

1 The Green, Shenington, Banbury, OX15 6NQ

Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

To whom it may concern, I write to formally object to the aforementioned planning application in the strongest terms. Fundamentally, my objection is on the grounds that the proposals would - if consented - significantly distort the size, look and feel of the village and destroy a close, longstanding and historically significant community whilst creating infrastructural difficulties and safety concerns. Shenington is a Category C Village where development is only permitted for infill building and conversions only - and as such I believe the proposals to not be compliant. My family chose to live in Shenington in part because it is a Category C village and that it would not change materially as per the designation. Shenington borders and can be seen from AONB - The Cotswolds. Furthermore, parts of the village are in a Conservation Area and there are numerous Listed buildings. This development would disfigure the village materially. One of the principal drivers we have chosen to make Shenington our home is because of its charming aesthetics and doubtless it is what attracts people to its local businesses such as The Bell pub and to walk the surrounding public footpaths. Should the development be consented then this would change to the detriment of the village. I am concerned that the value of our properties may likely decrease as a result of the village becoming a less desirable location to live given that the community and aesthetics would change so very much if consented. Highways in and out of the village are constrained with no practical means for improvement. The additional vehicles the development would lead to - be they plant / machinery / contractors and residents would not be suitable for the local road network. Such a development would increase traffic beyond a reasonably acceptable level, increase pollution and increase the danger of accidents given the roads are narrow and do not have pedestrian paths. I would be concerned for members of my family, my neighbours and anyone else who uses the highways around the village. I fear that the neatly kept verges, particularly around The Green, would be damaged and that the problem of potholes would increase causing damage to our own cars at considerable financial expense. The public transport service is at best, limited, and is presently operated by a 3rd party authority. I have seen no commitment to increasing and improving this service. More generally, the village simply does not have the amenities be they infrastructural, recreational or commercial to support such a multiplication of the local population. The current amenities will likely be overwhelmed, much to the detriment of all. I do not see a single benefit for the village community as a whole that would arise from consent. Given that the developer - Elan Homes - repeatedly misspelt Shenington in their documentation shows just how little genuine care is given to the community and thus I implore the relevant authority to protect our village. Sincerely, Mark Gold

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Attachments