

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	Ann Grant
Address	Longworth, The Green, Shenington, Banbury, OX15 6NE
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>When there is heavy rain I am unable to get in or out of my front gate onto Rattlecombe Road because of the rapid flow through the water that accumulates there [Pic 1, attached]. There is already a problem with the sewerage and drainage system in the village, which is unable to support the existing infrastructure let alone the planned 49-house development. During rains, runoff water cascades along Rattlecombe Road and down Stocking Lane and is not diverted from the roadway because the drainage system is already at capacity [Pic 2, attached]. The substantial increase in paving inherent in such a large development would increase the volume and flow of runoff water, since the field in question is at present absorbing a considerable quantity of rainwater; the positioning of the proposed development would affect both the flows seen in Pic 3, attached. Furthermore, the increased volume of traffic along such narrow roads would be dangerous. Already, the grass verges are being encroached upon by the existing traffic. When the roads do flood, cars drive in the middle or on the wrong side of the road to get around the issue [see film 5022, attached]. Note that the three films here attached were recorded in three separate years; this failure of the drainage system is a regular occurrence. Note also that, under the sheet of water around my gate is a drain, which I regularly check; during rain, it simply overflows. A "plan" that does not take into account present circumstances is reckless and may lead to irreversible problems on a scale that will incur ongoing expense and recriminations for decades to come. Hence, it is imperative that, before you allow in Shenington any more house construction in line with the Cherwell Local Plan 2031, you attend to the entire system of sewerage and drainage. Injudicious projects that ignore the failed capacity of the infrastructure are a sign of bad "planning". These Oxfordshire villages have always had a special character and aspect that you would here be destroying forever; the walks and ambience attract walking groups and rambling clubs from nearby towns to this irreplaceable countryside. Many of us, including the town-dwellers, have suffered during the pandemic; one of the things keeping us sane is the opportunity to take regular walks in our unspoilt countryside. It must be obvious to you that this development will adversely affect the character, microclimate and ecosystem and is not sustainable.</p>
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Attachments

The following files have been uploaded:

- Picture 1 Water flowing down Rattelcombe Road.pdf
- Pic 2 Car driving around flooding down Rattlecombe Road and Stocking Lane Junction.pdf
- Pic 3 Van driving Through Flooding Rattlecombe Road Stocking Lane Junction.pdf