

# Comment for planning application 22/00489/F

<b>Application Number</b>	22/00489/F
<b>Location</b>	Os Parcel 9078 And 9975 Adjoining Stocking Lane And North Of Rattlecombe Road Stocking Lane Shenington
<b>Proposal</b>	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)
<b>Case Officer</b>	Robin Forrester
<b>Organisation Name</b>	Barbara Furneaux
<b>Address</b>	Lady Barn,The Level,Shenington,Banbury,OX15 6NA
<b>Type of Comment</b>	Objection
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>I wish to register my objection to this planning application. I have lived in the village for over 35 years feel that the planned housing is totally out of proportion to the size of the village. My immediate reaction was one of surprise that this number of housing was even being suggested for the village for many the reasons. Cherwell District Council has classed the village category C which doesn't allow for development, only infill and conversion, and clearly this is not what is planned. I understand that part of the planning applications submission states before this it was class 1 which allowed for minor developments, but I would say this is not a minor development as it represents over 35% increase in the size of the village. The village has few services and facilities to support an increase of this size in the village. The infrastructure of village is not suitable for a development on this scale. The roads are not adequate for the present number of cars travelling on them. We have virtually no footpaths through the village and several sharp bends and pinch points which make it difficult for pedestrians. As a regular walker though the village I am faced with cars trying to pass me and I feel uncomfortable walking on the roads outside the village now due to the speed and poor visibility round some bends. Walking is my preferred daily exercise for my health and mental well being and I feel the increase in traffic and the visible impact these houses will have on me will be significant. Residents of these houses should they be built will almost certainly bring around an extra 100 cars into the village and is will be intolerable. The bus services in the village are limited and anyone living here needs access to a car to maintain a reasonable lifestyle. Electricity and sewage represent others areas which struggle at present and the increase demand will certainly cause issues. We have outages of electricity due to the demand and the sewage system has been unable to cope at times with present usage. Also the water supply is often poor and we find the pressure is such that we have no water upstairs at times. As a long time resident of the village I have seen how well residents have been able to welcome new people to the village each time a few new houses have been built. The increase of the village by over 35% will mean a sudden influx of people and I believe will stretch to breaking point the ability of current residents to welcome and integrate new arrivals. The very character of the village is likely to change and ruin the harmony of the village. The size of the village has given it a very precious atmosphere where the majority of people know other residents well and they care a support each other when necessary. I have spent many hours walking in the surrounding area and feel that the building of this number of houses will change irrevocability the nature of the village. The walks that I do regularly will be spoilt by the view of these houses where in the past I have been able to enjoy open views across the beautiful landscape. This has been so important to my well being enabling me to wind down and relieve stress which has so necessary during the last 2 years during the pandemic. Once again I wish to repeat my objection to the proposed development. This small beautiful village set on the edge of Oxfordshire in an area of natural beauty will be ruined should this development take place and the demands made on services will cause severe issues for the present residents.</p>
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