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RE: Symmetry Park Ardley/Stoke Lyne 22/01340/OUT

Although I live outside the village of Stoke Lyne and the county of Oxfordshire, I provide child support to a Stoke Lyne family and that involves me being physically based in the village for 2 and sometimes 3 days per week. I am familiar with the Stoke Lyne district and the wider Bicester area and I feel it would be helpful at this point, if I declared that I am not against development of itself. I understand that many of us have children and grandchildren that will all need housing and access to jobs at some point. I also understand that sympathetic sustainable development with increased environment amenity, is needed to provide homes and well paid skilled jobs for the many people who are desperate for somewhere to live. Having said that, what I would also highlight is the fact that the Bicester area has seen a plethora of developments of this nature since the turn of the century (saturation point comes to mind) and this build, build, build and be damned strategy, is in danger of eliminating individual villages and creating a conurbation

I object to this development on several grounds not least:

The proposed site is not allocated for development or employment use in the Cherwell Local Plan

This site is situated in open countryside and is not suitable for this type of mass industrial development. Bicester already has numerous developments of this nature and further development of this type is not needed

The loss of more natural habitats for animals and pollinators and note it's very close to Stoke Wood and Stoke Bushes

The harm to the landscape and the unique character of the area would be profound and the approval of this application could and probably would set a precedent for future development and urbanise this relatively unspoilt area of Oxfordshire

The local unemployment rate in Cherwell is both lower than the average for Oxfordshire and lower than the national average. There is no burning platform driving the need to create low skilled employment opportunities

Traffic congestion along the B4100 and Baynards Green intersection is already very tight, without adding more HGV traffic and pollution into the mix

Increased risk of flooding with water run off

Local residents cannot have unwanted developments thrust down their throats, we do not want swathes of the North Oxfordshire countryside becoming part of a greater urban sprawl from Bicester town, with profit hungry developers building on Green Belt to reduce costs and maximising profits to the exclusion of everything else. At the very least any development should ensure that traffic can move freely and provide: open spaces, wildlife sanctuaries, fresh air, new infrastructure and sustainable transport etc. If we are going to have new development it must be in harmony with the local area and not overwhelm and overcrowd, **this development fails to meet that criteria.**

Crucially above all, the proposal does not meet the NPPF overarching objectives of ensuring balanced sustainable development namely; economic, social and environmental, in any way that could be viewed as achieving a mutually beneficial outcome for local people and the wider community and therefore **must be rejected**

Regards