Comment for planning application 22/01488/OUT

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Location

OS Parcel 5616 South West Of Huscote Farm And East Of Daventry Road Banbury

Proposal

Construction of up to 140,000 sq m of employment floorspace (use class B8 with ancillary offices and facilities) and servicing and infrastructure including new site accesses, internal roads and footpaths, landscaping including earthworks to create development platforms and bunds, drainage features and other associated works including demolition of the existing farmhouse

Case Officer

David Lowin

Organisation

Name

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Address

Little Bandeleys, 39 Banbury Road, Chacombe, Banbury

Type of Comment

Objection

Type

neighbour

Comments

My original objection stands.

How can Cherwell District Council seriously be considering this application when it is evident from the hundreds of objections received to date, that approval will make the lives of thousands of local residents (both within Cherwell and South Northants) an absolutely misery. Your residents should be your priority.

The supplementary information/data submitted by the applicant is nothing short of guesswork. The impact of HS2 traffic and new warehouses already built but still empty (after two years) on the A361 cannot possibly be assessed and dismissed so easily. The landscape will be decimated - changing from a beautiful landscape to an ugly concrete jungle.

Objections as previously are based on:

Unnecessary development:

Given this area was not earmarked in the LP and was specifically excluded by the Planning Inspectorate in 2015 why is it even being considered? The development itself is unnecessary given that DIRFT III near Daventry already has 345 ha of land designated for such uses. It was recently permitted under the national infrastructure regime, specifically to meet the national and regional need for such major facilities. Why would CDC want to be known as a warehouse town?

Traffic congestion, air quality and emissions

The situation is already unbearable. Always high volume of traffic in and around the area, resulting in queuing traffic spewing out emissions, frustration and accidents. Your website states that idling cars produce up to twice as much air pollution as moving vehicles. Increase in emissions will be significant, especially when accidents or roadworks on the M40 causes gridlock. Oxfordshire County Council have made it clear that no major changes to this junction are in scope.

The scale of the impact on our environment will be immeasurable- until it is too late - the damage cannot be undone. Emissions from the factories in terms heat, light, odours and noise will be unbearable and severely impact on the many schools, care homes and residents in the locality. Issues have already been identified in and around Grimsbury, Hennef Way and the M40 in AOMAs as well as others. Your latest Air Quality report reflects slight improvement - that won't last long! "Contributions" towards Hennef Way improvements will result in wider lanes causing traffic bottle necks all through the town, more standing traffic, more emissions, more delays and more misery.

Blot on the Landscape:

Already recognised as the UK's ugliest junction, not something CDC should be proud of and will deter visitors to a town of warehouses.

Wildlife:

The site is currently greenfield agricultural land and is full of mature hedgerows, trees, ponds and other important wildlife habitats. As a result this area has a massive range of wildlife, including bats that need our protection.

Increased flood risk/land drainage issues

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