

Comment for planning application 22/01715/OUT

Application Number 22/01715/OUT
Location Land South Of Perdiswell Farm Shipton Road Shipton On Cherwell
Proposal Erection of up to 500 dwellings with associated access, open space and infrastructure
Case Officer Samantha Taylor

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Type of Comment Objection

Type neighbour

Comments

It is my understanding a previous application to build on this land was turned down, so it is doubly disappointing to see this proposal from Blenheim for another 500 homes on the same site. Blenheim already have approval from WODC to arbitrarily expand the population of Woodstock, disregarding the impact this significant increase will have on provision of health care, education, the environment, and the existing community.

I question the ability of the utilities to cope with the demands of another 500 homes without the provision of improved infrastructure before any homes are built on this new site. There will also be an impact on the local roads. The A4095 linking Cherwell DC to West Oxfordshire DC is already heavily used between Bicester and Witney causing congestion at the Bladon roundabout - the thought of potentially having to replace that with a Peartree sized interchange is too awful to contemplate!

The busy A44, with notorious pinch-points, is the only main road through Woodstock. Adding the inevitable number of residents' and visitor vehicles associated with these 500 homes will only compound the problem.

Woodstock also has the Blenheim Palace World Heritage Site factor. Of course, there are plusses to this but in recent years Blenheim has expanded the range and frequency of events throughout the year, which draw considerable crowds, on top of visitors wishing to tour the Palace and Grounds alone. I think there is an element of green washing at play. I congratulate Blenheim working towards zero carbon emission on the estate, but they don't exist in a bubble; surely the impact of increasing the town's population and planting green fields with bricks and mortar, will offset their stated aim.

The character of Woodstock is already changing at Blenheim's behest. Whilst I agree new homes are needed, especially for first time buyers (I hope I'm proved wrong, but I suspect Blenheim's idea of affordable housing won't equate to how much the average first time buyer/renter wanting to stay in their home community can afford), it is the scale of Blenheim's developments I struggle with.

Taking the above into account, I urge Cherwell District Council to take a wider responsible view and reject this application.

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