

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
Organisation	
Name	Timothy Massey
Address	92 Grove Road, Bladon, Woodstock, ,Oxfordshire OX20 1RA
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Dear Sir,</p> <p>Re Blenheim Estate outline application to build a housing estate East of Park View, outside Woodstock.</p> <p>I will leave it to others to reject this outline planning application on the grounds of traffic congestion on the A4095 but I will mention that crossing the road outside our house where we have lived for over 42 years has become a chronic issue. I will leave it to others to object on the grounds of lack of infrastructure but I will just mention that our Woodstock pharmacy is totally over whelmed by the increased in new residents.</p> <p>I am asking you to turn down this outline application on the grounds that should it proceed it would have a severe detrimental impact on the environment.</p> <p>It would significantly change the environment of the locality by removing all rural agriculture land on the route between the village of Bladon and the small market town of Woodstock. This needs to be considered in the context of all the other major housing developments taking place in this locality.</p> <p>Changing the environment changes the character and identity of these settlements, as it would anywhere. By merging the communities of Woodstock and Bladon the residents lose their place identity and become unmoored. They lose a sense of ownership and loyalty. Like all individual or unique settlements Bladon, and this is certainly true of Woodstock, is proud of its history, its church, its school, its pub etc. And for example it takes pride in how it celebrates a jubilee. These settlements are communities that help give a foundation to everyday life and a sense of security. An awareness of belonging can be an important health factor. Merging settlements undermines place identity.</p> <p>The countryside around Woodstock and Bladon has evolved over thousands of years. It could be quickly harmed with the removal of hedges etc and the spreading of concrete, even with sympathetic developers, to the detriment of the blend of humanity and nature. This impacts on the quality of our lives. The government's twenty five year environmental plan refers to preserving the rural environment for the benefit of physical and mental health. We do need these spaces between settlements both for aesthetic reasons and to allow us to breath clean air with the maintenance and enhancement of a biodiverse natural environment.</p> <p>I am asking you, our planning authorities to consider these environmental issues with the greatest of care. They may at first appear as emotive objections but I, and every person who I has spoken to me in Bladon, believe that they are fundamental to the way we live. I ask this on behalf of both those who live in this rural area and those who live in urban areas. All equally want the rural environment to have robust protection.</p> <p>Blenheim Estate is and will be warmly welcomed to build small clusters of houses within our villages and local towns giving proportionate and vibrant small growth but this proposal is totally out of place and I ask that it be turned down.</p> <p>Yours sincerely Tim Massey</p>
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