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

Address

Type of Comment

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Comments

Elizabeth Owen

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Objection

neighbour

I am a local resident and strongly object on the following grounds

Environmental impact

This development will destroy the distinctive character of Woodstock, and the neighbouring villages of Bladon, Yarnton, and Shipton. It will merge settlements into a suburban sprawl and ruin this part of Oxfordshire, which is a conservation area. Blenheim's UNESCO World Heritage Site listing explicitly mentions the surrounding landscape and villages, which are being overrun with disproportionate housing development.

Housing need

There is no need for the proposed type of housing in this area. The term 'affordable' in this context is meaningless, as even at reduced rent or part ownership, these houses will not be affordable to people on average incomes, especially if they are first-time buyers. This is the real housing problem, and it will not be helped by this development.

Public services

Current provision of primary healthcare and hospital services cannot cope with current demand. In particular, the doctor's surgery in Woodstock is heavily over-subscribed, the premises hopelessly inadequate, and the pharmacy struggling to cope. How is an extra 1500 people going to help? No provision for increased healthcare is made in the proposal. The proposal acknowledges that the current sewage system does not have capacity for this development, but makes no provision for upgrading it. Do we want more sewage being discharged into the rivers? The attitude of the developer, that public services are someone else's problem, is not good enough. Public services must be improved before development and the developers should make substantial financial contribution.

Traffic

The current level of traffic level is already a major problem in the area, both in terms of congestion and health. The developers state that this development will cause a 39% increase in traffic on the A4095, which they claim as being minor. If it is minor, why does the Bladon roundabout need 'signalising' as stated in the plan? The plan cites Hanborough station for local access, and how are people going to get there but drive along the A4095? The A4095 has a very narrow section in Bladon and cannot cope with more traffic. Neither can the residents. If, as the developers claim, we will be living in a car-free utopia when these houses are built, why does the plan allow for over 1000 parking spaces? How will a park & ride at the roundabout mitigate the traffic increase? If the 'park' bit is built here, it is likely to increase traffic in the area as people will drive there to park!

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