

# Comment for planning application 22/01715/OUT

<b>Application Number</b>	22/01715/OUT
<b>Location</b>	Land South Of Perdiswell Farm Shipton Road Shipton On Cherwell
<b>Proposal</b>	Erection of up to 500 dwellings with associated access, open space and infrastructure
<b>Case Officer</b>	Linda Griffiths
<b>Organisation Name</b>	Michael & Hilary Owen
<b>Address</b>	Pinsley House,Manor Rd,Bladon,OX20 1RU
<b>Type of Comment</b>	Objection
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p><b>EDUCATION PROVISION</b> It is difficult to understand how such a large development can fail to have a significant effect on Woodstock Cof E primary school given that there is no obvious way of increasing the school's capacity given its current location.</p> <p><b>TRAFFIC</b> It is misleading and inappropriate to use 2011 figures for forecasting future traffic flows. Since 2011 there has been a very substantial increase in light traffic through Bladon, arising not only from major housing developments from Long Hanborough to Witney, but also increased use of Long Hanborough station, more frequent large events at Blenheim Palace and more 'home deliveries' following Covid. The effect of this has been compounded by the increase in heavy traffic using the A4095 and Lower Road as a 'rat run' to avoid the A40 between Wolvercote and Eynsham. Through the middle of the village (where the Primary School is located), the pavements are very narrow and the A4095 (Park Street) becomes both narrow and twisting. Consequently large lorries cannot pass each other, causing traffic to slow down, stop or mount pavements. If the road is to take more light traffic, heavy traffic must be excluded and more pedestrian crossings provided. The mitigation measures proposed at the Bladon roundabout are difficult to follow and appear to contain several errors of description and naming; please note there is no mention of the A4095 Bladon Road (where there is a crossing point).</p> <p><b>BIODIVERSITY</b> it is difficult to accept Blenheim's claims re biodiversity given the amount of green space they have either already built on or plan to build on especially when taken in conjunction with the proposed plan for a vast solar farm in West Oxfordshire on green field sites and the retrospective application to WODC for construction of 'outdoor adventure camps' in Bladon Heath and Burleigh Wood (which have already caused damage to the ecosystem and loss of habitat).</p> <p><b>HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE</b> The claim that the new Doctors' surgery on the Hanborough Gate development will "inevitably release capacity within Woodstock" is utterly disingenuous. Prior to the development, the existing surgery in Long Hanborough was struggling to cope. The surgery constructed by Blenheim/Pye was essential to cope with the large increase in population resulting from new developments in Long Hanborough and surrounding villages, in particular North Leigh. Furthermore, Blenheim/Pye have recently been granted planning permission for a further 150 houses opposite Hanborough Gate, putting more strain on the new surgery. The Doctors' surgery in Woodstock and the Woodstock pharmacy are currently struggling to provide the level of service they and their patients would like to see, and the last thing needed is a major influx of patients from the proposed development at East of Park View.</p> <p><b>SEWAGE TREATMENT</b> Given the frequent and illegal releases of untreated sewage into the R. Thames and its tributaries in Oxfordshire by Thames Water, planning permission for this large development should NOT be given unless there is a clause stating that there will be NO occupation until the relevant District Council is sure that the local treatment works can cope with the increased volume of effluent, i.e. there should NOT be an automatic 'right to connect to public sewers ' (see Robert Courts, Oxford Times, 2 February). It appears that this type of condition has already been imposed on the new Blenheim/Pye development in Long Hanborough.</p>

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