Comment for planning application 22/01773/F

Application Number	22/01773/F
Location	Land South of Faraday House Woodway Road Sibford Ferris
Proposal	Erection of 6 one storey age restricted dwellings (55 years) for older people with access, landscaping and associated infrastructure - re-submission of 21/04271/F
Case Officer	Wayne Campbell
Organisation	
Name	Richard Irons
Address	Meadow Cottage,6 The Colony,Colony Road,Sibford Gower,Banbury,OX15 5RY
Type of Comment	Objection
Туре	neighbour
Comments	Limiting growth in our rural areas and directing it towards larger and more sustainable villages. Aiming to strictly control development in open countryside. The Built and Natural Environment featured strongly, from the need to encourage sustainable farm diversification through to the desire to identify Local Green Spaces. There was also support for securing biodiversity net gain, the protection and enhancement of the natural environment and the desire to strengthen and extend blue and green infrastructure.
	The built heritage of the district was valued, and you said that additional protections are needed, particularly where growth is proposed. Health infrastructure, small GP practise, now overloaded from surrounding villages, inadequate water supply, foul & surface drainage
	Flooding, drainage doesn't cope now, less fields, more 'poor' laid tarmac = more flooding, water table very high.
	Loss of agricultural land, damage to 400 year old hedgerows, ancient trees and damage to the water table.
	Heritage walks spoilt & littered
	Lack of infrastructure,
	The roads are our pavements
	Children - bused to secondary schools, small infant school
	Area of outstanding beauty - Ironstone Downland
	More carbon dioxide with more cars travelling to town
	We are a dark sky village by choice, do not require or want street lights.
	Beautiful hedgerows ruined, damage to trees
	1 small shop, parking currently poor throughout the Gower & Ferris villages - air B&Bs bring in more cars.
	There is also strong support for housing within town centres, and wider urban areas, from a perspective of wishing to minimise pressure on the agricultural land resource.
	A wide range of policy options could lead to effects. The great majority of policy options presented within the Options Paper could lead to positive effects, perhaps most notably those around housing and town centres, although certain options give rise to a degree of concern, notably focusing employment land "mostly on previously developed land, including in less sustainable locations". Transport Employment must be in accessible locations, as far as possible, and in locations where the effect will not be to increase traffic (including HGVs)

	on problematic parts of the road network. There is a need to carefully consider the movement and transport implications of changing strategy for town centres, recognising that these tend to be the most accessible parts of the District. A positive approach to enhance
	Inadequate water supply, foul & surface drainage.
	The sewage, water and power are aged and have had issues coping with current volumes in recent years. The ability of the foul and waste water system to handle an increase in volume could impact the service provided to all residents. Our sewer is located in a steep valley, which cannot easily be accessed by large vehicles, especially in wet weather.
	Flooding on the Colony Road brings with it debris from the top of the village . We have had severe flooding in prior years & although the kerb have been built up we still have to sweep away the debris coming down the road with the rain otherwise we have more flooding, as recently as this November.
	We have speeding cars, lorries & vans coming though the village daily from the main road down Pound Lane & Colony Road & similarly from the Hook Norton to Bloxham road more building will make the traffic through the village unsustainable
	The bus service has more than halved in recent years and times are not convenient for people trying to get to and from Banbury (7.5 miles) for work. Connecting to Stratford (19.7 miles) is difficult. There are no direct bus services to Hook Norton or Chipping Norton.
	Sibford Gower & Sibford Ferris are separate villages each with a parish council , please explain why they are classified as a class A village when Bloxham, Kidlington, Deddington & Adderbury are class A, they are much larger in comparison to either of the Sibfords & both put together.
	Damage the beautiful countryside for those living & visiting in the village. We already have an increase in commuter traffic to & through the village & on 2 occasions vans have pushed villagers off the road by taking up the whole road at speed & villager taking evasive action has ended up on the grass with punctured tyres. Roads are totally inadequate to cope with more traffic, the roads are full of pot holes, some have supposedly been filled though appear again rapidly. The bus has difficulty getting through the village due to parked cars & has been known to reverse into the crossroads to enable flow of traffic.
	It doesn't make sense to develop small rural villages with poor transport links , poor drainage infrastructure & little to no employment therefore people will commute which negates the low carbon living argument when there are brownfield sites & nearby towns could be developed in a more sustainable way, where amenities are in place helping towards a carbon negative future.
	I value the beautiful landscapes & history of these 2 lovely villages, they are enjoyed by those who visit for a quiet rest in the country. Sibford Gower and Sibford Ferris should be valued and conserved for future generations to enjoy.
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