

## Lynne Baldwin

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Many thanks

Katherine

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Good afternoon Katherine,

I would like to update you on our position regarding this Discharge of Obligation application.

The OCC Public Transport officer has had conversations with Oxford Bus Company but, unfortunately, has been unable to set up any meetings to date with representatives from the other Bicester visitor attractions that may be able to integrate into a combined bus service that would result in a better provision for those destinations and for the general public. However, OCC will continue to pursue this outcome.

As the Shuttle Bus Service is a covenant with the District Council, OCC make the comments listed under points 1 and 2 below, rather than making a recommendation. However, the Public Transport Services Contribution is payable to OCC, so we **object** to the proposal not to pay it.

1. The Shuttle Bus Service does not cover “key shift changeover times” as required by para. 6.1.1 of the S106.

The last shuttle bus is scheduled to depart Great Wolf at 19:00. However, according to para. 5.21 of the full application Planning Statement, the operating hours are as follows:

Hotel (including guest services)	24 hours
Waterpark	Hotel Guests: 9am – 9pm Day Visitors: 10am – 9pm
FEC	Hotel Guests: 8am – 9pm* Day Visitors: 10am – 9pm*
Food & Beverage	Hotel Guests: 7am – 11pm** Day Visitors: 10am – 11pm
Nature Trail	6am – 9pm***

\*specific activities may open later and close earlier

\*\*24-hour F&B offer provided in one grab and go outlet

\*\*\*Variation during winter periods expected

Therefore, the staff working the last shift at the waterpark, family entertainment centre (FEC) and the food & beverage outlets will **not** have the option of using the bus to return to Bicester. It is considered that the final shift is a “key” changeover time and must be included.

2. The proposal does not contain a guaranteed lifespan of the Shuttle Bus Service.

As it is being proposed to substitute the shuttle bus for the public service, an equivalent duration must be secured to maintain operation of the service for an appropriate period. This would be for at least eight years from first occupation, and this must be written into a revised S106. The current wording of the S106 does not specify a lifespan so the service could be terminated at any time.

3. The proposal to not pay the Public Transport Services Contribution is not acceptable and, therefore, OCC object.

OCC consider that payment of the Contribution is the default position as a Deed of Variation would be required to alter the S106. We would be happy to have discussions with the applicant to further outline our position on this matter.

I would be happy for you to share this correspondence with the applicant.

Kind regards

**Roger**

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