

Comment for planning application 22/02866/OUT

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| Application Number | 22/02866/OUT |
| Location | Land East Of Ploughley Road Ambrosden |
| Proposal | OUTLINE planning application for up to 120 dwellings, vehicular and pedestrian access off Ploughley Road, new pedestrian access to West Hawthorn Road, surface water drainage, foul water drainage, landscaping, public open space, biodiversity and associated infrastructure. Access off Ploughley Road is not reserved for future consideration |
| Case Officer | |
| Organisation Name | |
| Name | Paul Varnsverry |
| Address | 1 Jaspers Row, Ambrosden, Bicester, OX25 2AT |
| Type of Comment | Objection |
| Type | neighbour |
| Comments | <p>This proposal represents inconceivable and unacceptable overdevelopment in contravention of the Local Plan, and an unsustainable increase in the total number of properties which will radically change the village to its absolute detriment.</p> <p>The following applications in Ambrosden village need to be considered collectively:</p> <p>22/01976/OUT - 75 properties off Blackthorn Road 22/02455/OUT - 55 properties off Blackthorn Road 21/04142/SO - Land off Merton Road. Work completed. Outline application to follow?</p> <p>With (this) application 22/02866/OUT, for 120 properties, the sum total of known proposals amounts to 250 properties, with the potential for anywhere between 50 and 100 further properties on the land off Merton Road. There are also other farmland sites owned by the same beneficiaries of a will who are expected to eagerly cash in on the ambitions of developers who view the village as easy pickings, courtesy of the enthusiasm of these landowners to sell irrespective of the adverse impact this would cause on a village with which they mainly have no other association.</p> <p>By no rational measure can this scale of development be claimed to accord with the definition of "Minor Development" stipulated in the Local Plan for Ambrosden as a Category A designation service village.</p> <p>Ambrosden cannot sustain the quantity of additional properties which these applications represent. There is not the infrastructure to cope, nor could it realistically be expected to be provided by contributions from piecemeal development, and the type of infrastructure that might render all the above applications feasible cannot be supplied retrospectively. A few playgrounds and green spaces will not mitigate the loss of farmland at a time when creating food security should be paramount, irrespective of how keen a few landowners are to offload their bequest.</p> <p>Additionally, funds from the Merton Road development by Redrow Homes are reportedly being diverted away from Ambrosden, for which those funds were intended and precisely where the impact of the development will be felt most, into Bicester.</p> <p>Ambrosden has already seen one brownfield and one greenfield development approved against both local and planning committee opposition. The planning committee needs to maintain its past consistency on preventing over-intensification of development in Ambrosden, and reject this application!</p> |
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