

Comment for planning application 22/02866/OUT

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	Rob Lawton
Address	13 Rowan Close,Ambrosden,Bicester,OX25 2RW
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour

Comments

22/02866/OUT - Ploughley Road - 120 Houses
22/01976/OUT - Blackthorn Road - 75 Houses (Beside the Military estate)
22/02455/OUT - Blackthorn Road - 55 Houses
Merton Road - 84 Houses (Redrow)
21/04142/SO - Merton Road - Behind Rowan Close - 120 Houses

I would like to submit an extremely strong objection for the proposed planning application resulting in 120 houses off Ploughley Road, Ambrosden. I have listed my reasons for the objections below for ease.

- Traffic. I have looked at the planning for the road infrastructure, and know that we are already struggling with the flow. There have always been issues with ingress and egress for Ambrosden in respect to the A41. This will only get worse with the addition of approximately 454 houses (Ploughley Road, Blackthorn Road x2, Merton Road x2). With the addition of this many developments will cause significant demand on that junction, even with the new road layout due to finish sometime next year, this will not suffice. This will cause residents to utilise the A41 access via Thame Road. Which will in turn cause traffic jams there due to coming off a minor road onto a major road and vice versa. We also share our road for local villagers from Arncott and Merton who utilise Ploughley Road to get to the A41. The pressure that will be upon Ploughley Road will not be able to cope. The rough addition of 908 people (based on 2 people per house) as a minimum would cripple this village. Bearing in mind that most households will have either one or two vehicles, thus further causing traffic congestion.

- Lack of Amenities. At this time, we do have small Costcutter which has supported both the civilian and military communities. A Post Office, with a small grocery element. A primary school, that cannot accommodate the influx of children as they reach the age of the school. The school has already completed an extension, but this has not helped much. This means that they are having to be educated within the town. Causing further issues with not only traffic but with parents in trying to get their children to school and get to work, whilst avoiding extensive traffic. There is only one licensed premise within the village and it cannot accommodate the residents that it has now or before the recent estates were erected. Numerous new estates have gone up over the years, and there have been no investments from those developments within the village. The GP surgery struggles by far to cope with the residents of Bicester and Ambrosden specifically. We already have so many issues in getting appointments. The addition of hundreds of houses and hundreds of people will have significant issues. I am sure that with the addition of the proposed estates, this will get much much worse for the community that choose to live in a village, that is slowly getting destroyed by developers. The rough addition of 908 people (based on 2 people per house) as a minimum would cripple this village.

- Wildlife. I have been living in this village for just over a year now. Wildlife, was one of the reasons as to why me and my partner decided to buy a house here. Since living here, we have witnessed a variety of wildlife within the community. There is a large number of Deers in these fields having walked though many of them at dusk. We also have many other varieties of animals within this lovely village, Foxes, Red Kites, Hares/Rabbits, Hedgehogs, Kestrels, and plenty others. By ripping up the wonderful countryside surrounding Ambrosden, you will be destroying their habitats, this is also their home, not just ours. The

noise of the development would be detrimental to them and force them out of the area.

- Flooding. The field that has been proposed for planning is prone to flooding. This is a green space and the home of the local wildlife. By building on this, the new estate will then also be prone to flooding. This will in turn cause issues and possible foundation and structural issues for potential home owners/renters/landlords/landladies.

- Water. This village and other ones around us are almost famous for the water pipes bursting every year. The village is unable to be supported by the current system, due to the village constantly growing, resulting in more pressure on the pipes. If these applications are approved then the pipes will for sure burst more frequent, resulting in the village getting cut off from water. This cannot be allowed to happen, in this day and age having Thames Water come around with bottles of water for us and a large tank. The rough estimation of 454 houses would cause significant stress and demand on an already struggling water supply.

- Noise. With all of the applications that are in different stages there will be significant increase in noise. Two developments will be opposite each other and the noise there will be unbearable at times. This will have a detrimental effect on the local area and the local residents. I live on Rowan Close, a stone's throw from the current Redrow estate that is getting built. I can hear the work going on from my house, with the windows and doors shut. The noise that will be surround my house and the residents of Ambrosden will almost be unbearable.

There have been applications accepted on both brown and green belt fields. This needs to stop. The Planning Committee and Local Government really need to start standing up to these developers, who know what to say and what to promise. They do not hold their promises and the funds and amenities never seem to make to into the village. Ambrosden is a village, not a town. Please stop destroying a lovely village by making it a town, or joining it up with Bicester. This is not what the local residents or myself want. If we did, we would have bought/rented in Bicester.

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