

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	Anthony Mead
Address	39 West Hawthorn Road,Ambrosden,Bicester,OX25 2SA
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>INFRASTRUCTURE.</p> <p>We are suffering major disruption with the road works at the junction of Ploughley Road & the A41 which were supposed to be finished this month & we are now informed, will extend into March 2023. In the past 10 years, we have put up with hundreds of houses being built off Ploughley & Blackthorn Roads. There were more houses put in along the Merton Road with more going up beyond the railway crossing. Our water pressure is so low & sometimes cut off due to the supply needs at present.</p> <p>Parents, with school children, find it difficult to place their children in local schools. We have a very good primary school but NO secondary school. As public transport is almost non-existent, parents have taken to driving their children thus putting more vehicles on the road. East Hawthorn & Blackthorn Roads are always snarled up at school times. Cars can be seen double parked.</p> <p>West Hawthorn is a narrow road. We have a 15mph speed limit that is ignored. Children play in the street. Dog walkers walk along the road. Wheel chair & motorbility scooter users have no choice but to use the road because either cars are parked on the pavements or the pavements are in bad condition. Personally, I've had near misses with cars spending with no care for other users. Monies come from the funds of the Ambrosden Residents' Committee for repairs to damaged paths etc.</p> <p>Refuse collections & postal workers are getting later in the day. Delivery drivers have to speed around the villages to meet delivery times.</p> <p>Shops in Bicester are closing so fast. Car parks at Tesco, Sainsbury, Aldi & Lidl are full. THE TOWN IS EMPTY so much so that shops have their windows decorated to disguise the empty space within.</p> <p>NOISE ETC.</p> <p>In the past 5 years, we have put up with building noises from the construction of houses in the village & factories on the A41. Factories no-one wanted. There are buildings in Bicester, of the same size, remaining empty. Here, you can hear the noise throughout the night. The plan is to encroach on the bridle path between 31 & 33 West Hawthorn Road. Horse riders use this to get to the fields, away from traffic. This being turned into a pedestrian right of way will startle the animals & you will not be able to stop cycles using this area. At the moment, most people appreciate that horses have right of way along a bridle path & treat it accordingly.</p> <p>EXPENDITURE.</p> <p>To get into Bicester, we drive through Ambrosden, Blackthorn, Launton etc. As a pensioner, I find this extra expense intolerable. Putting a road into Ploughley Road would put a strain on the already busy junction & if it is a MUST to have these houses, surely they should be built in the field adjacent to the A41, opposite the factories where another roundabout could be built. I bought a house in a village, I didn't want to live in a built-up area like Milton Keynes, though the houses there are cheaper. Bicester is getting more like it every year thus bringing our house prices down.</p> <p>RESUME.</p> <p>This is not the correct place to build in excess of 100 houses for the aforementioned reasons. The area can't take it.</p>
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