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17th May 2022.

Dear Sir/Madam,
22/00959/REM Berry Hill Road West Adderbury

I wish to comment upon / object to the above planning application for the following reasons.

In the first instance, given that many Adderbury residents spent many hours putting together a Neighbourhood Plan, ultimately adopted by Cherwell District Council. The acceptance of this site, beyond the Residential Settlement Boundary, whatever the reasons, makes a mockery of all those who gave of their time.

However, given the circumstances and a blank sheet, I would like to have seen more houses with a south and/or west facing back garden. Similarly, there would be more space between 'Last House', in Berry Hill Road and the new development, to give those houses more clearance and privacy.

Whilst new developments include play equipment, it is important to cater for adults too. Some adult gym equipment would be a plus.

The roadside path appears to be an add-on with a 'one size fits all' approach. The plan indicates a width of 2.4m the entire length of the development and presumably Berry Hill Road. The impact of such a wide path on Berry Hill Road, due mainly to the topography, would be urban and negative.

The newly built chicane in the vicinity already caters for cyclists and cycle lanes could be introduced on the road were it deemed necessary; lanes similar to those on Bankside in Banbury, which is comparable in width.


A path leading to the village is to be commended, but as it enters the Conservation Area, little flexibility has been shown. One plan I have seen, takes the path beyond the Horn Hill Road post box cum bus stop in front of listed houses, with a crossing 7 metres from a blind corner/junction. How can a wide path in one of Adderbury's attractive corners be justified? The same could be achieved by terminating the path at the post box/bus stop and creating a safer crossing place via the Oak Tree triangle.

I wonder how the Conservation Department at Cherwell District views this part of the plan, with regard to the Conservation Area and listed buildings?

It is difficult to understand how precious funds could be used unnecessarily for such an unwelcome project when the southern and northern ends of the current Horn Hill road path are desperate for attention.

I implore all those concerned, to reconsider the points raised.

Yours faithfully,


(IAN JELFS)