

Comment for planning application 23/00173/OUT

Application Number	23/00173/OUT
Location	Land South Of Green Lane Chesterton
Proposal	Outline planning application for up to 147 homes, public open space, flexible recreational playing field area and sports pitches with associated car parking, alongside landscaping, ecological enhancements, SuDs, green/blue and hard infrastructure, with vehicular and pedestrian/cycle accesses, and all associated works (all matters reserved except for means of access)
Case Officer	Andrew Thompson
Organisation Name	Parish Clerk
Address	Oak View, North Lane, Weston On The Green, Bicester, OX25 3RG
Type of Comment	Comment
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>This outline application proposes a housing development of 147 dwellings of mixed type on land immediately adjacent to the existing Chesterton village, on agricultural land.</p> <p>In the last decade, Chesterton has expanded significantly with two developments on the western side abutting Green Lane and the Bicester Golf and Health Spa Hotel. The Water Park development on half of the Bicester golf course area is now underway. This adds to the very large housing, warehouse and business developments that now surround Bicester town, making Bicester one of the fastest developing towns in the country, if not in Europe.</p> <p>This proposed development will add to the pressure on infrastructure in the region to support its increasing population as follows:</p> <p>Healthcare: Notably, the Alchester Medical Group/Montgomery House 'Super Surgery' has now been axed due to sustainability funding issues and the Bicester population is already starved for healthcare provision.</p> <p>Traffic: The proposal includes a single access point from Green Lane, which itself is a connecting road to the A4095 and the Water Park, the Bicester Golf and Spa Hotel, the Bicester Sports Ground and the south-west Bicester ring-road. Traffic pressure will be significantly increased on local roads.</p> <p>Loss of greenspace and biodiversity: The development is very close to the Siemens NMR/MRI research and manufacturing site and the Bicester Business park developments, both of which have taken greenspace land. The small plots with minimal gardens will not mitigate loss of hedgerows and open grassland which support wildlife. A look at the housing developments around Bicester show that 'greening' of these developments is slow and limited, creating real bottlenecks for wildlife sustainability.</p> <p>In the context of other large developments in the regional landscape (Ardley/Upper Heyford/Baynards Green rail interchange and warehousing), the rural landscape in this region of north Oxfordshire is being lost at an alarming rate.</p> <p>The principal concern is that further development is proposed before the infrastructure is in place to cope with more population expansion and that not enough value is given to the preservation and retention of biodiversity corridors to protect the rural environment. Traffic issues in the area, where the rural villages are already plagued by heavy industrial traffic and high numbers of commuting vehicles on small rural roads, will only increase as very few effective public transport options have been established in rural areas.</p> <p>Kind regards Weston on the Green Parish Council</p>
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