



Cherwell
DISTRICT COUNCIL
NORTH OXFORDSHIRE

NOTICE OF DECISION

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (AS AMENDED)

Name and Address of Agent/Applicant:

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Nine Mile Ride
RG40 3GZ

Outline Planning Determination

Date Registered: 25th January 2023

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)

Location: Land South Of, Green Lane, Chesterton

Parish(es): Chesterton

REFUSAL OF PERMISSION FOR DEVELOPMENT

The Cherwell District Council, as Local Planning Authority, hereby **REFUSES** to grant planning permission for the development described in the above-mentioned application, the accompanying plans and drawings and any clarifying or amending information. **THE REASONS FOR REFUSAL ARE SET OUT IN THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE.**

Cherwell District Council
Bodicote House
Bodicote
BANBURY
OX15 4AA

David Peckford
Assistant Director – Planning and
Development

Date of Decision: 14th July 2023

Checked by: Paul Ihringer

REASONS FOR REFUSAL

1. The proposals would result in a disproportionate development when considered against the scale of the existing village and the cumulative impact of growth already carried out in village within the plan period and available facilities within the village and would be predominantly reliant on the private car to carry out day-to-day activity and the application site is not well located to existing services and facilities. The proposals would cause significant adverse landscape and impacts to the settlement character which could not be avoided or mitigated by the proposed development. Further the delivery of infrastructure necessary to make the development acceptable would not be capable of being accommodated within the village and instead would need to be provided elsewhere which would be predominantly reliant by private car and would be contrary to the aims of sustainable growth of housing across the District set out in the Local Plan and sustainable travel initiatives to use sustainable modes of transport. The proposals would be harmful development to the village of Chesterton and the wider aims of Policies Villages 1 and Villages 2 and result in unsustainable growth that would not be capable of mitigation. The proposals would therefore be contrary to Policies PSD1, BSC1, ESD1, ESD13, ESD15, Villages 1 and Villages 2 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1; saved Policies C28 and C30 of the Cherwell Local Plan 1996 and the aims and objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework.
2. The proposals, by reason of the scale and impact on the overall landscape and settlement character would cause harm to the approaches along Green Lane and the unnamed lane to Little Chesterton, and to the overall character of the settlement of Chesterton and its relationship to the surrounding countryside resulting in significant extension and harm to open countryside in particular to the south and west of the existing village. This combined with developments of the Bicester Sports Association in particular would result in a potential negative impact on the individual identity of Chesterton and Little Chesterton. The proposals would therefore be contrary to Policies PSD1, ESD1, ESD13, ESD15, Villages 1 and Villages 2 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1; saved Policies C28 and C30 of the Cherwell Local Plan 1996 and the aims and objectives of the National Planning Policy Framework.
3. In the absence of a satisfactory unilateral undertaking or any other form of Section 106 legal agreement, the local Planning Authority is not satisfied that the proposed development provides for appropriate infrastructure contributions required as a result of the development, and necessary to make the impacts of the development acceptable in planning terms. As such, the proposal is contrary to Policy INF1 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 Part 1, CDC's Planning Obligations SPD 2018 and Government guidance within the National Planning Policy Framework.

STATEMENT OF ENGAGEMENT

In accordance with the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) and paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework, Cherwell Council has given consideration to whether amendments or additional information would overcome its concerns with the application, but unfortunately it has concluded that it would not be possible to resolve those concerns within the scope and timescales of this application. Cherwell Council has resolved that the application proposals do not amount to sustainable development and consent must accordingly be refused.

The case officer's report and recommendation in respect of this application is available to view online at: <http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/viewplanningapp>. The agenda, minutes and webcast recording of the Planning Committee meeting at which this application was determined are also available to view online at: <http://modgov.cherwell.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CId=117&Year=0>



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NOTES TO THE APPLICANT

REFUSAL OF PERMISSION

The Local Planning Authority has refused consent for the reasons set out in the schedule forming part of this notice of refusal. A further explanation of the reasons for the decision can be found in the planning officer's report, which can be viewed in Public Access via the council's web site.

If you wish to examine any of the development plans which set out the Local Planning Authority's policies and proposals for the development and use of land in its area, these are available for inspection on our website, or at the District Council offices, Bodicote House, Bodicote, during normal office hours.

APPEALS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE

If you are aggrieved by the decision of the Local Planning Authority to refuse the application, you can appeal to the First Secretary of State in accordance with Section 78(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

If you wish to appeal, then you must do so within six months of the date of this notice. Forms can be obtained from the **Planning Inspectorate, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol, BS1 6PN. Tel 0303 444 5000.**

The Secretary of State can allow a longer period for giving notice of an appeal, but he will not normally be prepared to use this power unless there are special circumstances which excuse the delay in giving notice of appeal.

The Secretary of State need not consider an appeal if it seems to him that the Local Planning Authority could not have granted permission or approval for the proposed development, having regard to the statutory requirements, to the provisions of the development order and to any directions given under the order.

In practice, the Secretary of State does not refuse to consider appeals solely because the Local Planning Authority based its decision on a direction given by him.

PURCHASE NOTICES

If either the Local Planning Authority or the First Secretary of State refuses planning permission or approval for the development of land, the owner may claim that he/she can neither put the land to a reasonably beneficial use in its existing state nor render the land capable of a reasonably beneficial use by the carrying out of any development which has been or would be permitted.

In these circumstances the owner may serve a purchase notice on the District Council. This notice will require the Council to purchase his/her interest in the land in accordance with the provisions of Part VI of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

COMPENSATION

In certain circumstances compensation may be claimed from the Local Planning Authority if permission is refused by the Secretary of State on appeal or on reference of the application to him.

These circumstances are set out in the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 as amended by the Planning and Compensation Act 1991.