

FARTHINGHOE PARISH COUNCIL



Cherwell District Council
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Attention of Development Management

28/03/2023

Planning Application Reference Number 23/00501/REM dated 23/02/2023
Subject – Unit 2 Kalabergo Close Banbury OX17 2FJ

Dear Sirs,

Please accept this document as an official OBJECTION from Farthinghoe Parish Council to the above-mentioned Planning Application Number 23/00501/REM.

Already there are a number of documents lodged onto your allotted website and these detail a large number of reasons why this development should not be allowed to go ahead, which we agree with entirely.

Our views on this does not differ in principle from the Planning Application at Huscote Farm which was rejected and followed by a withdrawn appeal and which was to be located just across the A361.

The ugly but unoccupied, Zones A & B of this development are clear indication that Banbury does not have need for Zone C.

In 2017 we could only look at the planned proposals for this overall site with dismay. Now in 2023 we can actually see the unoccupied constructed monstrosities which were the first part of what appears to be a growth plan and that creeping plan has become abundantly clear.

It is the final part of a nightmare which has already destroyed a large part of a beautiful area without any consideration for the people who live here.

It is the end product of the relaxation in planning regulations being introduced Nationally which takes no account of the destruction it causes without any tangible benefit locally.

We agree with almost all of the objections tendered so far for this Planning Application, with doubtless many more to follow, but in addition Farthinghoe has its own unique problem. A problem which will be exacerbated by this particular planned development. It is a problem which had been profoundly added to each time Cherwell District Council had passed plans for yet another warehousing & logistics complex without any due regard for our problem.

“Our” meaning the residents of Farthinghoe along with the thousands of drivers who traverse the A422 daily.

We can only hope that the recent rejection of the Huscote Farm logistics complex is the start of a new era for Cherwell District Council and that common sense is beginning to prevail.

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The rapid development of industrial buildings in Banbury has accelerated since the early 1990s when the M40 construction reached Junction 11 and onwards, but the A422 which was already inadequate in 1990 has remained unchanged.

We recently became aware of the National Highways traffic assessment for the Huscote Farm Planning Application and became very concerned. It is a very restricted report and we feel that there were some wrong impressions given which were probably caused by a lack of local knowledge and National Highways not taking full account of the effects of Junction 11, M40 Logistics Developments on the A422 East, a road which was designated by Northants County Council as part of a Strategic Freight Network and by the Department for Transport as part of the national Major Roads Network.

In addition to the above National Highways has also designated the A422 through Farthinghoe as part of the official diversion should the M40 Motorway need to be closed at any time, despite the fact that the road is totally inadequate for such traffic.

Contrary to the National Highways report for the Huscote Farm Planning Development the A422 road east of J11 is not a dual carriageway until it reaches the A43 at Brackley, but actually becomes a totally inadequate single carriageway road after 0.9 miles when it reaches Middleton Cheney. A further 3 miles and it reaches the very severe Farthinghoe pinch-point. Could it be ensured in future that such traffic assessments are more wide scoping, more detailed and more accurate?

Thanking you in anticipation of your considerations

Yours Faithfully

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