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LAUNTON ROAD
STRATTON AUDLEY
BICESTER
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BICESTER HERITAGE

DEAR SIR,

I HAVE NOW HAD A CHANCE TO REVIEW THE ABOVE AND WOULD ASK YOU PLEASE TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS SUPPORTING MY OBJECTION TO THIS APPLICATION.

BICESTER HERITAGE HAVE PUT IN WHAT EFFECTIVELY IS A RACETRACK AND WANT TO HAVE CARS USING THIS FACILITY REGULARLY, IF NOT AS IS VERY LIKELY EVERY DAY. THE TRACK NOW REACHES THE PERIMETER OF THE SITE WHICH BRINGS IT EVER CLOSER TO STRATTON AUDLEY THEREBY INCREASING THE NOISE FACTOR. HAS THAT BEEN CONSIDERED? THE NOISE FROM THE TYPE OF CAR LIKELY TO USE THE TRACK IS VERY LOUD, VARYING BETWEEN 100DB AND 108DB WHICH IS GREATER THAN AT SOME RACETRACKS AND HIGHER THAN CURRENT AUTHORIZED NOISE LEVELS FOR NEW CARS. SUCH LEVELS MUST HAVE A SIGNIFICANT AFFECT ON RESIDENTS IN STRATTON AUDLEY. WHAT AFFECT IS THIS LEVEL OF CONSTANT NOISE GOING TO DO TO INDIVIDUAL PEOPLE'S HEARING LET ALONE THEIR NERVES. DOES BICESTER HERITAGE CARE? NOTHING APPARENTLY HAS BEEN FACTORED IN FOR WIND SPEED OR INDEED DIRECTION OF WIND WHICH MUST HAVE AND WILL INFLUENCE THE AFFECT THIS WILL HAVE ON THE VILLAGE RESIDENTS. HAS BH GIVEN ANY DETAILS AS TO HOW MANY DAYS CARS WILL RUN? IS IT EVERY WEEK? WILL ANY PERMISSION, IF GRANTED, LIMIT THE NUMBER OF OCCASIONS RACING CARS CAN OPERATE?

A MUSIC FESTIVAL IS ARRANGED APPARENTLY TO RUN IN CONJUNCTION WITH A VEGAN EVENT WITH SOME 10000 TICKETS ALREADY SOLD. IN EXAMINING ANY APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO HOLD SUCH A SIZEABLE EVENT WHAT CONSIDERATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE NUMBER OF CARS AND OTHER FORMS OF TRANSPORT THAT WILL BE INVOLVED IN GETTING PEOPLE TO THE VENUE. PERHAPS COUNCIL NEED TO REVIEW AND REVISIT THE ROAD JUNCTION AND OTHER ALTERATIONS DEMANDED WHEN THE EARLIER HOTEL APPLICATION CAME BEFORE THEM. TRANSPORT NUMBERS COMING TO THE MUSIC FESTIVAL MUST OBVIOUSLY BE SIGNIFICANTLY MORE THAN FOR OCCASIONAL VISITORS TO A HOTEL SO IT WOULD SEEM CLEAR THE ROAD RESTRICTIONS AND ALTERATIONS DEMANDED THEN MUST BE DEMANDED AGAIN AND IMPLEMENTED BEFORE SUCH LARGE GATHERINGS ARE ALLOWED. THERE IS ALREADY ENOUGH DISRUPTION ON THE ROADS AROUND THE SITE FROM THE SMALLER EVENTS THAT CURRENTLY TAKE PLACE.

HAVE THE PLANNING AUTHORITY CONSIDERED THE NOISE THAT IS ASSOCIATED WITH MUSIC FESTIVALS? SURELY A CUT OFF TIME MUST BE ENFORCED TO ENSURE THE MUSIC STOPS TO ENSURE IT DOES NOT AFFECT THE RESIDENTS IN STRATTON AUDLEY INTO THE SMALL HOURS. WHAT IS THE CUT OFF TIME TO BE? HAS CHERWELL DECIDED? IN LOOKING AT THIS REQUEST IT HAS BEEN SAID BH ARE INTENDING TO RUN 20 OR SO SIMILAR LARGE EVENTS ON THEIR GROUNDS. THAT WOULD HAVE A CATASTROPHIC AFFECT ON STRATTON AUDLEY RESIDENTS WELL BEING.

EVENTS SUCH AS ABOVE ARE NOT SUITABLE TO BE HELD CLOSE TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES. WHAT, IF ANYTHING, HAS BEEN SAID IN THE PLANNING APPLICATION ABOUT CATERING? FOR

EVENTS SUCH AS THE MUSIC FESTIVAL OVER 2 OR 3 DAYS IT MUST BE CLEAR THAT MOBILE FOOD AND ALCOHOL VENDORS WILL BE ON SITE. THE FOOD OFFERED IS OFTEN OF THE BURGER AND FRIED ONION VARIETY WITH THE ATTENDANT SMELL THAT PRODUCES. AGAIN DEPENDENT ON WIND DIRECTION WILL DECIDE IF THESE SMELLS WILL HOVER OVER THE VILLAGE.

ON A SEPARATE ISSUE BUT I THINK RELEVANT TO THIS APPLICATION BICESTER HERITAGE QUIETLY OPENED UP A SEPARATE GATE ENTRANCE AT THE TOP OF BICESTER ROAD SOME TIME BACK. THIS GATE WAS BADLY OVERGROWN AND OUT OF USE SO IT IS NOT UNREASONABLE TO THINK BH HAS NOT OPENED THIS GATE WITHOUT HAVING SOME PLANS FOR ITS USE. THE THOUGHT SURELY MUST BE IT WILL BE USED AT BUSY EVENTS FOR VEHICLES ENTERING AND LEAVING THE SITE. IF THAT IS THE CASE, AND SURELY THE PLANNING AUTHORITY MUST ASK THE QUESTION, HOW WILL THAT AFFECT THE 4421 WHICH IS ONLY A FEW YARDS FROM THE GATE. ALMOST CERTAINLY BLOCKAGES. BH ALREADY CAUSE TRAFFIC DELAYS ON CERTAIN DAYS ON THE 4421 AND IF THAT HAPPENS WITH THIS ENTRANCE/EXIT ALMOST CERTAINLY VEHICLES WILL TURN RIGHT TO ESCAPE THROUGH STRATTON AUDLEY CAUSING PROBLEMS IN THE VILLAGE. HOW WILL THAT BE STOPPED?

HAVE CHERWELL DISCUSSED WITH BH PLANS TO INCREASE AIRCRAFT ACTIVITY AT THE SITE? IT IS WORTH REMEMBERING THAT BH EFFECTIVELY CHASED THE LONG ESTABLISHED GLIDING CLUB OFF THE SITE. ALREADY AIRCRAFT FLY DIRECTLY OVER PROPERTIES IN STRATTON AUDLEY. BH CAN PROTEST ALL IT LIKES THAT PILOTS ARE WARNED BUT CANNOT STOP THEM DOING SO. CORRECT THAT MAY BE BUT IT DUCKS THE ISSUE AND DODGES RESPONSIBILITY. BH NO DOUBT HAPPILY TAKE THE INCOME FOR THIS SERVICE BUT IF THEY CANNOT ENSURE ALL SAFETY REGULATIONS ARE OBSERVED THEN THE ANSWER IS SIMPLE ALL FLIGHTS IN AND OUT ARE STOPPED UNTIL THEY CAN. IN THE EVENT OF A PLANE CRASHING OVER STRATTON THE CONSEQUENCES WOULD BE DEVASTATING.

THE PROBLEM IS BICESTER HERITAGE SEE THEMSELVES AS MAJOR PLAYERS IN THE AREA ALONGSIDE BICESTER VILLAGE AND THINK BY SWEET TALKING IMPORTANT PERSONNEL CAN DEFEAT THE LEGITIMATE CONCERNS RAISED BY THE GENERAL PUBLIC. IT MAY BE WORTH RECALLING THEIR ORIGINAL APPLICATION IN RESPECT OF THE QUARRY. THAT IF YOU RECALL WAS CHALLENGED ON VARIOUS GROUNDS. BH QUICKLY WITHDREW AND CAME BACK SOME LAPSED TIME LATER CLAIMING THE OBJECTIONS RAISED HAD BEEN RESOLVED. HAD THEY AND HOW? IT IS NOW SUGGESTED THE QUARRY IS SUITABLE FOR AND WILL ALLOW OFF ROAD BIKING AND MOTOR CYCLE EVENTS. IF THAT IS ALLOWED THE NOISE IMPLICATIONS FOR STRATTON AUDLEY ARE GREATER WITH THE QUARRY THAT MUCH CLOSER TO THE VILLAGE. HAS THIS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH YOU? WOULD IT BE ALLOWED?

BICESTER HERITAGE WAS ORIGINALLY SET UP TO HOUSE LARGE AND SMALLER SPECIALIST AND OTHER ENGINEERING ESTABLISHMENTS. INCREASINGLY BH ARE MORE AND MORE STRAINING THE BOUNDARIES AND NOW IS THE TIME THEY SHOULD BE TOLD ENOUGH IS ENOUGH. CHERWELL NEED TO ENSURE THAT IS UNDERSTOOD AND PLANNING RESTRICTIONS WILL BE STRICTLY OBSERVED.

THE PLANS, IF APPROVED, WILL HAVE A MAJOR AFFECT ON A RURAL VILLAGE AND ARE CERTAINLY NOT BEING REQUESTED FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE COMMUNITY BUT SOLELY TO INCREASE REVENUE STREAMS FOR THE PROPRIETORS. VISITORS TO EVENTS SUCH AS THOSE PLANNED COME, WATCH AND THEN GO HOME. THEY SPEND LITTLE TIME OR MONEY WITH LOCAL BUSINESSES. THE PLAN SHOULD BE REJECTED

YOURS FAITHFULLY



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