

# Comment for planning application 23/01316/F

<b>Application Number</b>	23/01316/F
<b>Location</b>	Land South of Faraday House Woodway Road Sibford Ferris
<b>Proposal</b>	Erection of 5 two storey age restricted dwellings (55 years) for older people with access, landscaping and associated infrastructure
<b>Case Officer</b>	Saffron Loasby
<b>Organisation Name</b>	
<b>Name</b>	Maureen Hicks
<b>Address</b>	Greenfields,Back Lane,Sibford Ferris,Banbury,OX15 5QN
<b>Type of Comment</b>	Objection
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>As a local resident I strongly object to this new planning application by Blue Cedar Homes. A previous application for the same site was refused following a planning appeal and should be considered by the whole planning committee and not considered under delegated powers</p> <p>Sibford Gower and Sibford Ferris are currently, and in my view wrongly, treated as one Category A village in the Local Plan. This classification is not a true reflection of the two communities separated by the steep Sibford Valley where villagers have to walk in the narrow road where footpaths are incomplete or do not exist. Sibford Ferris enjoys a small shop on the Main Street where parked cars, delivery vehicles and agricultural vehicles and machinery often cause complete blockages. The remaining services contributing to our Class I Village status are all located in Sibford Gower and elderly villagers are seriously challenged due to the topography and have to rely on cars/lifts to take them to church, the surgery or pub. The village is rurally isolated and has a very limited bus service which relies totally on subsidy from Warwickshire County Council.</p> <p>The proposed development is unsustainable for older persons. Government advice on the location of housing for older people states that factors to consider include the proximity to good public transport, local amenities, health services and town centres. None of these apply in this instance.</p> <p>Sibford Ferris is already is currently awaiting a new housing development following, on appeal, the granting of planning permission for 25 homes to be built on Hook Norton Road. The proposed development for 5 two-storey houses is only accessible through the new development. It extends beyond the built-up limits of the village into open countryside and fails to respond to local character and would harm the visual and rural amenity of the area which is designated as a Conservation area.</p> <p>The proposal is therefore contrary to Policy C28 of the Cherwell Local Plan 1996, Policy Villages 2 and Policies ESD13 and ESD15 of the Cherwell Local Plan 2011- 2031 Part 1 and Government guidance contained within the National Planning Policy Framework and the National Design Guide.</p> <p>This is a poorly conceived scheme on an unsuitable site in an unsustainable location and I urge the Council to refuse this application again.</p>
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<b>Attachments</b>	