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Good Morning

My wife and I have lived at 1, Calthorpe Manor, Dashwood Road, Banbury, OX16 5HE, for 25 years.

We are both aged over 75 years, we have limited mobility, and are restricted in opportunities to leave the house.

We have just learned that the above Planning Application will be considered by Cherwell DC this week and wish to object to the development proposed.

I would firstly point out that at no time have we had any correspondence from CDC on this matter, and only read in the newspaper about the exhibition at the Town Hall earlier this year, which for the above reason we could not make, also we were both testing positive for Covid at that time. We have had to rely on information we could get from the website, and briefing from neighbours who were able to get to the Town Hall.

I have to say at the outset that Calthorpe Manor has been here for over 500 years, and understand it is one of the oldest buildings in Banbury. It is listed as Grade 2*, and the proposed development is totally out of character within what is a declared Conservation Area, which has a large number of listed properties within its curtilages.

Our own personal concerns on this proposal are:

1. The overlooking of our property by the new buildings, which appear to have no architectural merit.
2. The development of the visitor car park at the rear of our property seems to allow car parking adjacent to our bedroom window - this is on the ground floor.
3. There are plans for an underground car park; this must surely present a danger from such an excavation alongside a 500 year old structure, as any subsidence would have a destabilising effect on our building, which on its day would not have the been constructed with the deep foundations now required - we don't want our home to collapse!
4. The number of homes proposed is far too large to be supported by the existing town centre infrastructure, e.g. parking, sewage and drainage, traffic congestion.
5. Obviously we have concerns over the environment effects of such a large and long construction phase with regard to noise, dirt and air pollution.

For these reasons we wish to strongly object to the proposed development.

Regards
Ron and Jennifer Osborn

