Comment for planning application 23/02098/OUT

Application Number	23/02098/OUT
Location	Begbroke Science Park Begbroke Hill Begbroke OX5 1PF
Proposal	Outline application, with all matters reserved, for a multi-phased (severable), comprehensive residential-led mixed use development comprising: Up to 215,000 square metres gross external area of residential floorspace (or c.1,800 homes which depending on the housing mix could result in a higher or lower number of housing units) within Use Class C3/C4 and large houses of multiple occupation (Sui Generis); Supporting social infrastructure including secondary school/primary school(s) (Use Class F1); health, indoor sport and recreation, emergency and nursery facilities (Class E(d)-(f)). Supporting retail, leisure and community uses, including retail (Class E(a)), cafes and restaurants (Class E(b)), commercial and professional services (Class E(c)), a hotel (Use Class C1), local community uses (Class F2), and other local centre uses within a Sui Generis use including public houses, bars and drinking establishments (including with expanded food provision), hot food takeaways, venues for live music performance, theatre, and cinema. Up to 155,000 net additional square metres (gross external area) of flexible employment uses including research and development, office and workspace and associated uses (Use E(g)), industrial (Use Class B2) and storage (Use Class B8) in connection with the expansion of Begbroke Science Park; Highway works, including new vehicular, cyclist and pedestrian roads and paths, improvements to the existing Sandy Lane and Begbroke Hill road, a bridge over the Oxford Canal, safeguarded land for a rail halt, and car and cycle parking with associated electric vehicle charging infrastructure; Landscape and public realm, including areas for sustainable urban drainage systems, allotments, biodiversity areas, outdoor play and sports facilities (Use Class F2(c)); Utility, energy, water, and waste water facilities and infrastructure; together with enabling, site clearance, demolition and associated works, including temporary meanwhile uses. The Proposed Development affects the setting of a listed building a
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Type of Comment	Objection
Туре	neighbour
Comments	At all the consultant meetings held by the developers in Begbroke village hall the entire plans outlined covered:- 1. The expansion of the laboratories and working areas of the Begbroke Science Park 2. The addition of multiple occupancy housing for staff and students 3. The large scale development of low cost housing to meet Oxford's Unmet Housing Need based on totally fictitious figures. 4. Space for a couple of small corner shops to service the above. 5. Schools to service the estate. What was never covered is either a drainage plan to pump the entire northern area of the site towards the southern end to prevent the drainage into Rowel Brook which already regularly floods the gardens and properties along Fernhill Road, or a SEWERAGE plan with an additional treatment works to prevent the huge volume of effluent from this site simply adding to that already being pumped into the Cherwell and Thames rivers on a daily basis. However this new plan as submitted allows them a totally free hand to add concert venues, expensive housing and anything they like totally abandoning the original aims and simply changing it into a cash generating exercise for the land owners while drowning Begbroke in their drainage run off. This is totally unacceptable to the people of Begbroke who have lost most of their green belt under this plan and ask any planner with a brain to take action to control this development and certainly ensure that all aspects of drainage and sewage treatment are dealt with before any building developments can start.
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