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From: Andrew Thompson
Sent: 24 November 2023 11:09
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From: Councillor Ian Middleton [REDACTED]
Sent: Friday, November 24, 2023 1:15 AM
To: Andrew Thompson <Andrew.Thompson@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: PR8

Thanks Andrew

Personal comments from me and Fiona Mawson would be as follows :

1. I was concerned to see as part of the graphic for the proposed layout of the site that the semi-industrial areas containing science buildings similar to those already on site were predominantly located close to Sandy Lane. This is a largely residential area and may become more so if the other proposals to build an additional residential area on the other side of Sandy Lane goes ahead. In that context it seems incongruous to me that residents will be faced with large and blank monolithic structures virtually on their door steps. This would also seem to be counter-productive to the aims of the overall development as it would devalue the prime real estate areas along Sandy Lane that could become residential communities with a mix of market and affordable housing. Essentially this is already a residential area, so should not be encroach upon by what amounts to an industrial estate.
2. I'd also advocate that the former landfill site should be maintained as planned as a park area and kept as open aspect and rural as possible. This is not only to try to maintain the green and open aspect of the area as it is at the moment but also because there are serious concerns about what is contained within the previously unregulated dumping site beneath. I have detailed files on the types of refuse that was disposed of in the site during its operation and have been advised that as long as the top layer of the site remains undisturbed there is no hazard to the local population. Any attempt to remediate this site for development would be extremely unwise and I trust OUD have taken that on board. The current proposals for this to be parkland would seem the most appropriate use as this would also the area to remain at least partly wilded ensuring that the contents beneath are not released.
3. I would add a plea that any proposed crossing of the railway on the main site be accessed via the new development keeping the main traffic away from Sandy Lane itself. This lane was once a quite country thoroughfare and in the current local plan is earmarked to be an active travel site. Moreover it will serve as an active travel access point to the parkland on the current landfill site. It's unclear from the masterplan graphic if Sandy Lane is intended to be used for vehicular traffic, but I would suggest that in the context of the proposal for the central park area and adjacent green spaces it would be best kept free of motor vehicles for the enjoyment of residents, employees and students and only used for access to the residential areas. This is even more important given that there are proposals for a primary/junior school on Sandy Lane. This would also be an important consideration in terms of the planning context with regard to the industrial type/science blocks being sited near to Sandy Lane.

I hope these can be added to the consultation in due course.

Thanks again for your help Andrew.

Kind regards

Ian Middleton

From: Andrew Thompson <Andrew.Thompson@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk>
Sent: Monday, November 20, 2023 9:58 AM
To: Councillor Ian Middleton <[REDACTED]>
Subject: RE: PR8

Councillor,

Thanks for this, yes it will be possible to add comments by you or anyone else who wishes to raise their comment to the application. Please feel free to send me comments to the application.

Kind Regards,

Andrew Thompson

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Subject: PR8

Hi Andrew

I just realised that as residents, neither Fiona nor I put in any personal comments on the PR8 proposals as we live virtually on the doorstep.

Basically I thought Fiona had done it and she thought I had. I did submit some comments through OCC as the local county member, but didn't make any personal representations.

I went on to the planning portal a few days ago to see if I could add a comment and it was closed. But given a decision seems a way off, would it be possible for me to add some comments and send them direct to you? I think most of the concern surrounds the siting of the different aspects of the site, particularly that they appear to want to put the larger industrial buildings close to Sandy Lane and the existing residential area which seems incongruous to me.

Anyway if it's still possible for me to add some comments as a resident that would be appreciated.

If you could let me know, I can get something to you early next week.

Kind regards

Ian Middleton



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