

Cherwell District Council  
Planning Department  
By email

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**Planning Application - 23/02827/F**

**Heyford Patk: Use of the eastern part of the southern taxiway and the adjacent Hush House building (Building 1368) for car processing operations plus associated works and portable buildings. Planning permission is sought for a 5 year period.**

Thank you for consulting us.

MCNP Forum wishes to **OBJECT** to this application.

Although there are some benefits to providing employment on the site, the disadvantages of the proposals considerably outweigh any advantages.

The main concern is that the proposal involves 100 two-way HGV movements over a 16-hour period for 5 days a week, as well as staff vehicle movements. This has a very significant impact on the surrounding villages and the rural lanes that serve them. It is a proven fact that routing agreements for HGVs serving Heyford Park have been ineffective, and we have recently been told by the Highways Authority that there is no specific person at the County Council for enforcing such agreements, which explains a lot.

In addition, the scale of this operation is a very real increase over that previously approved (and now expired). The storage of up to 10,000 cars on site compares with 3,000 in the earlier iteration.

There has been considerable residential development at Heyford Park since the earlier car processing facility was approved, but this is not recognised in the Traffic Assessment, which states that no increase in traffic is anticipated during the 5 years to which this application relates. This is clearly nonsense.

Construction of a new access to the business area of Heyford Park, at Chilgrove Drive, has been under discussion for many years. This access should be completed before any applications of this type are considered.

Yours sincerely,

Martin Lipson,  
on behalf of MCNP Forum