Comment for planning application 23/03428/OUT

Application Number 23/03428/OUT

Location

OS Parcel 7921 South Of Huscote Farm And North West Of County Boundary Daventry Road Banbury

Proposal

Outline planning application for the construction of up to 140,000 sqm of employment floorspace (use class B8) with ancillary offices and facilities and servicing and infastructure including new site accesses. Internal roads and footpaths, landscaping including earthworks to create development platforms and bunds, drainage features and other associated works including demolition of the existing farmhouse

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type

Comments

neighbour

The arguments against planning permission being granted for such a development have already been raised again and again; this was evidenced and supported by the Council when it refused previous applications. Nothing has changed!

There are already 3 big warehouses adjacent to the M40/A361 standing empty - two of these since 2020. How can this type of development possibly be beneficial to residents, communities, and local business? Local communities do not want or need more noise, busier roads, traffic jams and higher pollution levels (noise/emissions/light etc) on their doorstop.

The area around the proposed development is already a high-volume traffic area with traffic delays increasing idling traffic pollution. This development identifies major traffic increase which will exacerbate this situation tremendously, especially given no plans to significantly improve the road infrastructure in and around the M40 junction. Major infrastructure changes for Banbury are not in the Oxfordshire County Council/Government plans for the immediate future and the likelihood of a budget to change this is highly doubtful, especially given their recent budget shortfall statements. Other factories/offices are also empty in and around the district - this application is clearly not genuinely based on local necessity. New business should be encouraged to utilise existing capacity before building more.

Flooding and drains have been under major pressure recently following January rainfall resulting in major impact in many areas; recreational, residential, and business - all dramatically affected. This proposed development will have a significant, detrimental impact on floodwaters running into adjacent low-lying areas. This area around the M40 is already subject to flooding - the current flood defences struggle now and simply would not cope should this proposal be approved.

Increased emissions in terms heat, light, odours and noise, together with increased idling traffic levels/emissions are not going to help the council achieve its climate emergency ambitions. It will also severely and negatively impact on the residents, care homes, schools etc in the locality - diminishing the quality of their lives forever. Emission levels can only be guessed at - the damage can't be reversed. You can make a difference by refusing this application.

There will be a dramatic negative impact on local wildlife and the beautiful landscape if this application is approved. Birds in the area are already being monitored by Cherwell District Council under the biodiversity policy - so you are already aware of the declining trend, don't add to it.

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