

Comment for planning application 24/00245/OUT

Application Number	24/00245/OUT
Location	South Lodge Fringford Road Caversfield Bicester OX27 8TH
Proposal	Outline application for demolition of existing structures and erection of up to 99 dwellings, access, open space and associated works with all matters reserved except for access
Case Officer	Andrew Thompson
Organisation Name	Jeremy Carr
Address	9 Old School Close, Caversfield, Bicester, OX27 8TW
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Caversfield is a quiet community with a single road connecting the various small estates- Fringford Road. At present there is significant roadworks at the junction of Fringford Road and Southwold Lane with the intention of adding light controlled access onto Southwold Lane from Fringford Road, together with additional four way controlled intersection 50m north where Southwold Lane meets the Banbury Road. The addition of a minimum of 99 houses (which could increase to 200 based on the previous application in 2013/14) has the potential to do the following damage to the local area:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Significant increase in vehicle traffic almost all of which will turn right towards Bicester. Based on the number of houses this would be a minimum of 200 extra cars and perhaps up to 350 if the usual 4 bed "executive" houses are built to maximise profit.- Fringford Road is widely used by pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders all of whom would be at risk from such a large increase in traffic.- Any traffic exiting left from Aunt Ems Lane already has a problem with a poor view of oncoming traffic; if the US Air Force increase their use of the accommodation on both Thompson Drive and Skimmingdish Lane then there is even more risk as many of the vehicles are likely to be left hand drive which have an even worse view of oncoming traffic.- Light pollution: there are many bats that fly over Caversfield from roosts on the Bicester Heritage centre. The various species are already at risk of decline due to reduction in insect prey- any proposed development will significantly increase the amount of light pollution and hence increase the risk of bat population decline.- There is only one access and egress road on the plan which is very close to the current T junction at Fringford Road and Skimmingdish Lane. With almost all the proposed development traffic likely to be turning right towards Bicester in the morning rush this is an accident(s) waiting to happen.- No one at the Parish meeting on 21 Feb 2024 indicated any wish for there to be a local shop or any such amenity which is included in the proposed plan. Approximately 55 residents attended the meeting. <p>Overall this is a development purely out for commercial gain. The EcoTown is now on its second phase as is Graven Hill both of which will offer many hundreds of new dwellings, as will the continued developments at Kingsmere. There is absolutely no need for this proposal particularly as the Local Plan only allows for infill i.e. single dwellings. I object to this proposal and would hope that the local councillors take a similar view and reject this proposal.</p>
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