

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
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Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>The same reasons remain as to why the previous application for housing development at this site in 2014 was rejected. There is not an identified need for housing development in this unsustainable location.</p> <p>Caversfield church - my daughter is buried in Caversfield Churchyard, we chose this as a peaceful resting place where we can mourn her, not for her to be next to a huge building site then noisy housing estate or worse risk flooding the church or our route to get there. Caversfield Church is an historic building as is our home in the Garden Quarter. History and conservation need to be protected.</p> <p>Bicester Plan - Green buffer zone to Elmsbrook will be lost if this development goes ahead. Caversfield has been designated a village. Caversfield is a small category C village and is not a sustainable location for such a development. Elmsbrook is clearly identified as the location for development of new housing.</p> <p>Aunt Elms Lane - exiting Aunt Elms entering into Caversfield is a very difficult junction, it is very difficult to see traffic approaching from the right. This lane would be even more dangerous with more cars using it. Also parking of residential cars along Fringford Road would also be dangerous and significantly slow traffic along this road. The proposed exit for the site would have a poor view of approaching cars.</p> <p>Wildlife - we currently see bats, deer, hedgehogs, birds of prey and lots of other wildlife in the Garden Quarter, this needs to be protected.</p> <p>Electricity - when we first moved to Caversfield in 2016 we regularly had power cuts. After the line was put in along the ring road (after awfully destroying all the trees on this route) the electricity supply has improved. All the new homes at Elmsbrook and this development would likely cause a big strain on electricity supply. Also which roads and trees will be dug up if the supply line is improved? The new forensics lab in Bicester has been told they will not have electricity supply for 2 years. Extremely polluting diesel generators will likely be used. As has been the case at the A41 Tesco and McDonald's in Bicester</p> <p>Flooding risk.</p> <p>Appearance of development - appearance and number of houses is not clear at this stage so uncertainty of how this development will be in keeping with the village. 99 homes is not shown on plan so is misleading for the impact and amount of green space there will actually be. Also how it will impact the view and appearance of nearby listed buildings is not clear.</p> <p>Infrastructure - the infrastructure of Bicester is struggling already, the secondary schools are full and poor quality, GP appointments are difficult to get, there are no NHS dentists. The catchment secondary school for Caversfield is The Bicester school which is at least a 40min walk away so likely parents will need to drive, adding more traffic to already congested roads. Also no amenities in Caversfield so likely most on the residents of this development will drive to shops, schools, doctors etc. The developers claim there are buses in Caversfield but one is subsidised so could be removed.</p> <p>Military Housing - there is likely to be families moving into the empty military housing in Caversfield. This along with at least 99 new homes would put enormous strain on the village</p>

- traffic, electricity supply, water, schools etc.

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