

Comment for planning application 25/01510/OUT

Application Number	25/01510/OUT
Location	Land South Of Perdiswell Farm Shipton Road Shipton On Cherwell
Proposal	Outline planning application for the erection of up to 500 dwellings and commercial floorspace (Use Class E) with associated access, open space and infrastructure - All Matters Reserved except for Access
Case Officer	Jason Traves
Organisation Name	Julia Johnson
Address	17 Mavor Close, Woodstock, Oxon OX20 1YL
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I feel Blenheim are being disingenuous describing the new housing estate as a small/modest development - it needs to be put in context. This development will be the latest in a series of Blenheim's new housing estates, significantly swelling the town's population domiciled in 1,000 new homes.</p> <p>I welcome acknowledgement of the town's need for a new Library to replace the current one squashed into a gallery at The Oxfordshire Museum (formerly dedicated to 'science & innovations'), following the demolition of the old library in 2019 due to structural concerns. However, there are more negatives than positives with this application, primarily:</p> <p>The plight of the Doctors' Surgery. At an open meeting in the church last year when it was suggested Blenheim should pause their new house building until such time as a site is identified and planning application approved for a new 'fit for purpose' surgery, Blenheim's representative clearly said that whilst they were aware of the concerns over health care provision in the town (and surrounding area), Blenheim have their approved planning applications and building won't be stopped. Park View has completed and since that meeting building has commenced on the field behind Hill Rise whilst building on fields behind Banbury Road is pending. Thus, Blenheim continue to exacerbate and not alleviate the strain placed on the Doctors and support colleagues at The Surgery.</p> <p>I draw your attention to tor&co's letter to CDC dated 5/6/25, ref: 226403 where they list the provision of benefits in their proposal: Creation of a central community square with accompanying Class E uses, which could include a GP surgery, nursery and retail space, to serve the needs of this new community.</p> <p>In ES Chapter 4: Community and social effects:</p> <p>4.52 reference is made to if a new Surgery is provided - it is not a firm commitment.</p> <p>4.35 Inclusion of Community First Oxfordshire's assessment of indoor venues in Woodstock 2019 seems to justify the absence of a purpose-built community centre within the new development. The venues for hire listed remain but Blenheim's programme of house building since 2019 has dramatically increased the town's population and availability of meeting venues is stretched.</p> <p>This new housing estate will also create a significant increase in the flow of traffic on already congested roads, especially the A4095 Witney-Bicester route, not to mention the overall impact on wildlife.</p> <p>I urge Cherwell District Council to act responsibly and either refuse the application or make it conditional upon the provision of a fit-for-purpose Health Centre for Woodstock and surrounding villages served by our Doctors Surgery, to be built BEFORE work starts on the houses. If Blenheim do not comply then hefty financial penalties will be applied.</p>
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