

The Mill House
Lower Heyford
Oxon OX25 5PG

Wednesday 20 July 2011

Dear Mr Ihringer

Wincote, Cow Lane, Steeple Aston

Planning application references: 11/00114/F & 11/00115/CAC

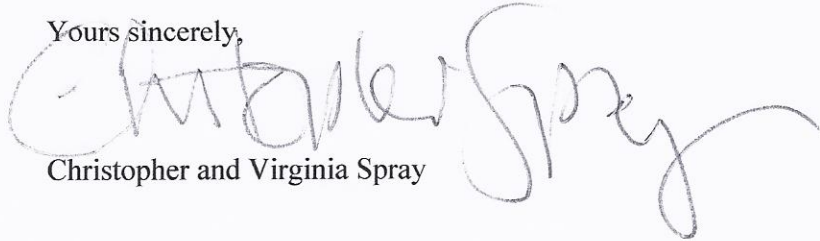
We write to object most strongly to the above linked planning applications on the following grounds:

- The disproportionate scale of the proposed house, whether four or six bedrooms, impinges on the surrounding houses, causing an imbalance within the overall aspect.
- The inappropriate style of the house and the insensitive use of building materials- wood and glass- are totally discordant with the village as a whole, giving it an alien appearance.
- The destruction of a charming house in the local vernacular and in tune with the village, which is itself a designated conservation area.
- This building in no shape or form preserves or enhances the area, which is of great natural beauty fast disappearing in today's world.
- Views from the Rousham eye-catcher towards the grade II* listed church of Steeple Aston would be interrupted by a harsh rectilinear structure with much reflection of glass. These views form part of our national heritage and are enjoyed by local residents from adjoining villages as well as ramblers from far and wide.
- The colossal impact upon the residents of Cow Lane and the connecting roads during the construction of this behemoth is a cause for huge concern. There is simply not sufficient access for the continuous delivery of materials, and the coming and goings of contractors and labour would render the narrow lane hazardous for all who live there and all who come to enjoy the peace and tranquillity of the walks. There is no pavement and residents' cars are usually parked outside on the street.
- The callous disregard to the immediate adjoining neighbours in Lockhall Cottage and others in Cow Lane in the size and position of the building, changing their peaceful, idyllic surroundings into one resembling a hotel/spa

complex. This reflects the manner in which this project has been managed and made known to the people of Steeple Aston.

For these reasons we believe most strongly that the planning application should be rejected.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Christopher and Virginia Spray". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping tail on the right side.

Christopher and Virginia Spray