

Hopcraft Lane,
Deddington.

22 April, 2014

Chief Planning Officer,
Cherwell District Council,
Bodicote House,
Bodicote,
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Oxon OX15 4AA

Dear Sir,

Planning Application 14/00412/F

We have serious concerns about this application and consequently OBJECT to it. In common with a number of other larger villages within this district Deddington has already had more than its share of the houses approved against the number allocated in the latest Cherwell Plan. A number well in excess of the quota lasting up to the year 2031.

The site under consideration is a very sensitive one being both within the Conservation Area and also backing on to the site of Deddington castle - a scheduled monument. For these reasons alone the application should fail. However several other issues also suggest refusal should be the result in this case.

The site is one of very few green field sites within the Conservation Area and affords the only view towards the castle earthworks from the road. Green field sites are about the only places left within this parish on which to build and incursion onto such sites has already occurred with the recent approval of 85 premises on appeal (site DE010).

This is contrary to Cherwell's Local Plan. The proposed houses will add further pressure onto local services, including the village school and health centre.

Executive houses are envisaged which will cater for people who will use cars to get to work. This will simply put yet more vehicles onto the village's already inadequate and tortuous road network.

The site will involve another junction onto the busy and fast Clifton Road on which there have been fatal road accidents in recent years.

This site has consistently been refused planning permission in the past and nothing has changed since the last refusal. The former objections of residents and Cherwell's reasons for refusal are still relevant. Earlier refusals have set a precedent and should be followed.

