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Sent: 05 July 2015 20:37

To: Planning

Cc: Jo Roberts

Subject: 14/02004/HYBRID (CDC) and 14/02063/OUT (WODC)

Dear Cherwell District Council (and WODC),

I am emailing to object to the above planning application. The implications of this application on the present residents of Woodstock are profound and unwanted. It will change the character of the whole town. It will stretch many resources of this community. For example there seems to be no provision for the additional students that will attend Marlborough School. Already the centre of Woodstock is congested and parking is at a premium, especially on a weekend, and given that Woodstock East doesn’t replicate the facilities in the centre of Woodstock then there will be an increase in the number of people accessing the centre and clearly they will use their cars (no matter what other infrastructure is setup to attempt to alleviate this).

I understand the need for Cherwell DC and West Oxfordshire DC to increase the amount of available housing. However, to increase one small town by 1200 does not seem in line with the percentage growth required for these district councils. I don’t know the exact figures but I believe the number of houses is less than 1500 currently in Woodstock. Therefore an increase of 1200 would mean an increase of at least 80% in the number of houses (and therefore approximately the population). What is the percentage increase in housing requirement for each council over the next 15 years? - I’m sure it is not 80%. It therefore seems unfair that the town of Woodstock should be burden with such a large percentage increase on top of quite a few developments already on-going. Therefore I urge both district councils to consider a large scale reduction in the size of this project to be commensurate with the current size of Woodstock.

The other objection I have is that the entire development is to be executed by a single developer. I have no problem with the quality and ability of Pye Homes (having purchased a house from them previously). I’m sure Pye will put some effort in to diversifying the house styles and types. However, it is inevitable that all the houses will have common backbones and infrastructure in order for Pye Homes to reduce their costs. However, the similarity in styles of the houses that Pye Homes would construct would reduce the character of the town further. It would be far better for such a construction to be done by a variety of developers in order to give the new spaces an air individuality that sadly will not be the case with the Pye Homes development.

Please reject this planning application and request a huge reduction in scale before any further application so that you are fair to the current inhabitants of Woodstock.

Regards,

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