

Your ref: 16/00609/OUT  
Proposed 3 no. Dwellings at:  
Barns, Crockwell Farm,  
Manor road, Great Bourton  
OX17 1QT

Mr & Mrs A Bradbury  
The Tuns, Manor Road,  
Great Bourton  
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04/06/2016

Dear Sir

I write in connection with the above planning application. We have examined the plans and know the site well as we live in an adjacent property. We wish to object to the development of these houses in this location for the following reasons:

1. Given the amount of new housing development (512 houses) already taking place nearby on the Southam Road, and that planned to take place in Great Bourton itself i.e. the 33 houses given planning permission at the front edge at Garners Field, and with Cherwell Council's ability to demonstrate an up-to-date 5.1 year housing land supply, we feel this is yet more unnecessary, undesirable new housing development in what is after all part of the Historic Core of a small village.
2. The access road i.e. Manor Road is a small narrow single track road already breaking up with pot holes constantly appearing, due to poor maintenance and ever increasing volumes of large vehicles delivering shopping, oil, coal etc. The verges are already in a very poor state because of this. Lorries involved in the construction of these proposed properties could wreak untold damage to the verges, the road, overhanging trees and vehicles parked down this narrow lane. The walls surrounding the property at Penny Point have sustained many hits from large vehicles attempting to turn at the entrance to the proposed site and the owner has been forced to rebuild his front wall many times. An increase in such traffic, along with the associated noise of the vehicles would be most unwelcome to all the neighbouring residents.
3. The development is immediately in front of a Grade 2 Listed Building i.e. Crockwell Farmhouse. This building is listed for its special architectural and/or historic interest. The effect of the development on the setting and outlook of this Listed Building would be dramatic and potentially catastrophic for the owner.
4. According to the planning application checklist and the Constraints listed therein, you may be aware of some of the wildlife we see regularly flying over our garden, some of which have I believe constraints of 250 metre buffer zones. We think some or all the following may nest in the barns at Crockwell Farm i.e. Bats (2 types at least, Swifts, Swallows, House Martins, possibly Starlings and Sparrows. It would be a great shame to lose the habitat for these creatures.

Yours Faithfully

  
  
Andrew Bradbury