Swalcliffe Manor
Main Road
Swalcliffe OX15 5EH

15th December 2014

Chairman of Cherwell District Council Planning Committee
Bodicote House
Bodicote
Banbury OX15 4AA

**Application: No** 14/01762/F

Dear Chairman

With reference to the above planning application, there are areas of significant concern which we would like the Council to consider.

Firstly, like other residents of Swalcliffe village, we are extremely surprised that this significant application has only recently been brought to our attention considering the number of residents that this planned proposal will affect. We believe that a proper consultation has not been carried out.

We moved to Swalcliffe village 7 years ago to enjoy a more rural location. We live in the village near to the church on Main Road, which as it suggests, is the ‘main’ thoroughfare for traffic through the village.

We are extremely concerned that, should this proposal go ahead, the volume of traffic (including large, heavy vehicles, lorries, horse boxes etc) will increase considerably, therefore affecting the level of noise, congestion and pollution as well as road safety. The safety issue is already a major concern to us, given the very poor visibility we have as we join Main Road on a blind corner from our driveway. The increase in heavy traffic given the number of horses involved will make an already dangerous situation even worse.

Over the past few years we have noticed that the equestrian activities at Grange Farm have increased considerably and we understand that events will now be increasing to 40 days per annum and which we suspect will increase further over time should the application be successful.

We already spend many weekends listening to the event’s PA system. Currently this is an annoyance, however, it will totally overwhelm Swalcliffe village and surrounding areas as the events get bigger and more frequent.

For the reasons given above, we strongly object to this application and the additional ability to hold larger events as part of the “28 Day Rule”.

Yours faithfully

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