

Comment for planning application 16/00472/OUT

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Location	<input type="text" value="S Grondon Services Ltd Merton Street Banbury OX16 4RN"/>
Proposal	<input type="text" value="Proposed residential redevelopment for approximately 200 units"/>
Case Officer	<input type="text" value="Rebekah Morgan"/>
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Address	<input type="text" value="85 Middleton Road, Banbury, OX16 3QS"/>
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I would like to express my objection to the planning application for the 228 units on Highway Way Banbury, ref: 16/00472/OUT.

The information shows there is 228 parking spaces on site. However, with an average of 1.3 cars per household nationally (excluding London where car ownership is lower). This equates to a possible 296 cars for the development. Therefore, as Parking is at a premium around this area that leaves a possible shortfall of 68 cars not being able to park on site. There are also visitors to take account for and there is no reference to visitor car parking on site.

The closest parking would be Marshall Road which is also a difficult place to park as the streets in the area wind around making it dangerous to park at the kerbside.

With a possible 296 additional cars to the area to what is an already a congested area. This is also going to cause issues especially around the peak hours as well as taking into the account Dashwood school in the area. This causes the road around Higham Way, Merton Street and Middleton Road to become congested and dangerous. Most vehicles ignore the no stopping yellow hatchings at the junction of Merton Street and Higham Way and block the access to Higham Way from Merton Street. With Royal Mail vehicles that are always in out of the delivery office this causes the traffic to back log on to the main Middleton Road, this would increase that with the additional traffic for the development. The Traffic has progressively got worse in the area since the opening of the railway station parking on Higham Way. With also the Merton Street being so narrow and cars trying to proceed past queuing and parked cars, this also causes a backlog of traffic coming of the Middleton Road and the queuing cars to occasionally mount the pavement. Also, with access to railway station made easier, there are people avoiding the parking charges and parking within the residential areas where they walk to the station to catch their train.

Oxfordshire County Councils traffic survey also shows from 2015 to 2018 there has been an increase of 1100 in the average daily traffic counts with equates to 12% increase. With a possible maximum number, using the average number of cars per household being 296, this is a possible additional 592 journeys through the junction with a larger portion of them most likely going over the bridge towards the town centre. Consequently, with this just this one development it could cause this number to go up by half of the increase from 2015 to 2018.

Living on Middleton Road I can see and experience on a daily basis during the week, the cars are queued back up as far and sometimes further than the traffic lights on Daventry Road. This causes the congestion On Merton Street, Highway Way and Middleton Road. The start of the congestion is at the edge of the town centre at the Bridge Street Concorde Avenue junction by Kwik Fit. This is a massive amount of pollution being produced by stationary cars within a built-up area. This can start from around the time the schools finish to approximately 19:00. There are also the additional vehicles using Merton Street on a Friday with the Mosque where they meet for Friday Prayers.

Traffic Survey – Source Oxfordshire County Council.

