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Dear Ms O’Hanlon

**Re. Planning Application 18/00904/F**

I oppose this proposal due to the negative impact and strain it will place on our environment which ultimately affects the wellbeing of the local residents, environment, wildlife and our climate.

The UK has a target of reducing its carbon emissions to 80% below 1990 levels by 2050, as set out in the Climate Change Act 2008. To meet this target, the UK also sets “carbon budgets” on how much carbon it can emit in a five-year period.

Therefore, I find it astonishing that at a time when the government is seeking to reduce carbon levels with the aim of becoming carbon free, Cherwell District Council are considering an application to build a marina capable of housing 192 leisure craft that will have a huge impact on the local environment.

The 2 main sources of fuel used on leisure craft for propulsion, domestic use or electricity generation are diesel and petrol, both fossil fuels associated with carbon and pollution emissions.

The HSE state that prolonged exposure to diesel fumes can affect your health causing irritation to eyes and the respiratory tract and constant exposure can increase the risk of developing lung cancer.

We should not be allowing increasing pollution emissions locally when Hennef Way in Banbury has been labelled one of the most polluted areas in England!

The main heating fuel is usually wood which is usually supplemented by another fossil fuel, coal. Again both fuels which are associated with carbon and pollution emissions.

Other dangers presented by these fuels to the environment are spillages which cause significant environmental damage. The Canal River Trust report that around 300 pollution incidents are reported every year usually costing between £50 and £50,000 each to resolve. We already have 2 marinas local to this proposed site. How much more potential damage do you propose to allow be inflict on our countryside and waterways? Leisure craft spew their grey water from sinks, bathrooms, washing machines etc straight into the waterways, discharging toxic and harmful liquids.

The significant increase in leisure craft motoring up and down the canal will create significant amounts of wash that will disturb the local wildlife as well as erode the canal banks. Leisure craft have been responsible for introducing invasive non-native species along our local canals by steering through floating pennywort.

This proposed development will also place increased demand on our local landfill and other utilities something that we are told to reduce.

I restate, I oppose this proposal due to the negative impact and strain it will place on our environment which ultimately affects the wellbeing of the local residents, environment, wildlife and our climate.

Kind regards

Glenis Doran