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**Cc:** Councillor George Reynolds  
**Subject:** Ref. Proposed marina development near Claydon - ref 18/00904/F

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Dear Clare O’Hanlon,

I write to express my objection to the proposed marina development detailed above for the following reasons and unanswered questions;

1)      The roadways in and out of Claydon and the marina are ultimately **unsuitable** for any increased traffic. Furthermore, there are no pavements in Claydon from my street to the school bus stop, this is a walk I do twice a day with my daughter and it is already narrow and dangerous without any increase in traffic. Also, I have had my wing mirrors clipped by motorists who fail to slow down and move over enough whilst leaving the village on Mollington Road. It will become a sad case of when an accident happens not if.

2)      The marina is **unnecessary** there are already a plethora of moorings available along this stretch of canal. During the summer months Top Lock in the Claydon flights is often closed each evening to attempt to maintain water levels. The Met office has recorded the 9th driest January in over 100 years, the reservoirs are not full as we draw closer to summer. How are the Canal and River Trust (CRT)  going to maintain the water levels with the extra boats? Does this proposed marina have an “acceptable impact on the existing water supply” to quote the CRT’s website? I do not think it will.

3)       I live 0.66KM as the crow flies from the canal (only 100m less than the closest village property to the proposed marina; according to my rudimentary Google Maps measurement) and I know from past experience how easily noise travels in the open countryside (let alone when the source of the sound is raised a few metres above ground level), I have been woken by loud music coming from the canal in the early hours of the morning, canal boat users simply aren’t aware that there is a village so close and how easily their sound can travel. There simply can’t be a guarantee that there will be no impact to the village from noise or light **pollution**.

4)      We are a very small, rural, dark skies loving village and to have such a large development built so close to us will be **appalling**. It is tantamount to building a housing estate and burying us.

5)      The development is **excessive** in size and dwarves our little village, ruins the landscape that gives us such beautiful views and threatens our wildlife.

6)      I have lived in the village for five years and I have seen in that time how quickly Banbury has been swamped by housing estates on all sides, we need to preserve what remaining beautiful  natural areas we have left. Especially those that fall within a **conservation** **area** as the canal does.

7)      There is **no benefit** to the local area or Claydon with this proposed marina. I am not convinced that even if there were any possible benefits, they would outweigh the negative impact on the area.

In short, my main fears are the increased traffic through our narrow, village roads and the impact that will have on the **safety** of not only my five-year-old daughter but all the villagers. And the overall affect that this proposed marina will have on the canal (it’s water, wildlife and general beauty), our small village (noise and light pollution, along with the traffic).

Yours sincerely,

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