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Re: Claydon Proposal New Marina

We strongly object to any planning application in respect of the above-proposed marina at Glebe Farm for the following reasons:

1. The proposed development will ruin the character of the small rural village of Claydon. The proposed marina is vast compared to the village i.e. three quarters of the size of the entire village. We have one of the finest views in the area overlooking the area west of Boddington Road and this will be obliterated.
2. Noise pollution from running such an enormous complex will be greatly increased and will travel across the canal and fields to Claydon.
3. Areas of rich and varied wildlife surround Claydon and this will suffer significantly with this new development from light and toxic pollution. At a time when we are trying to preserve and sustain our planet, wildlife, and eco systems, is it wise and farsighted to allow a project with such detrimental consequences?
4. The road approaching Glebe Farm from both Claydon and Boddington is single track with very few passing places. Lorries have on occasions been grounded on the narrow canal bridge and needed recovery. The road is full of potholes, some hazardous and, in bad weather, the verges become deep and rutted and even 4 x 4 vehicles find it challenging. When it snows the road from Claydon to Boddington is not gritted or cleared. The bridge is treacherous to negotiate in icy weather. The proposed marina will significantly increase traffic on a road which already is deteriorated and precarious.
5. There are already two marinas in the near vicinity i.e. Fenny Compton, which holds 100 boats and Cropredy which holds 250 at the moment with permission for another 150. In the summer there is a water shortage and navigation hours are restricted. Sometimes boats are held up all day at Claydon to use the locks. This proposed marina would certainly exacerbate the problem.
6. Boats in Cropredy marina often stay for indefinite periods even though the marina is intended to be non residential. This proposal is meant to be non residential too but, as in Cropredy, there would be no way of enforcement. There has been enormous pressure put on Cropredy’s infrastructure such as the village school and the medical centre, which is unable to take on new patients. Where will the boat owners and visitors obtain their health care and education for their children?

This planning application will be of no advantage to local people, in fact it will be damaging to the village of Claydon. The only advantage will be that of financial

gain to Glebe Farm.

We therefore reiterate our strong objection to this proposal.

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