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Ref: Proposed 192 berth Marina at Glebe Farm, Claydon, OX17 1TD.

Dear Clare,

 I am writing to you in total objection to the proposed Marina at Glebe Farm.

I am aware that the application is for a recreational marina and not residential, however there is no way of enforcing this, as has been proven with the Marina’s at Cropredy and Fenny Compton.

I am of the understanding that at Cropredy a second Marina of 50 berths is under construction and an extension to the Original Marina for a further 100 berths has been granted permission.

Claydon is a small agricultural village of 100 houses and 306 residents. The village has no speed limit, no street lighting and no amenities. Claydon sits in outstanding natural beauty with far reaching views.

The proposed Marina will take up an area around three quarters of the size of the current village and nearly treble the potential housing.

Because Claydon has no street lighting to have a lit Marina, we are going to suffer from light pollution.

The local doctors, health care facilities and schools in the adjacent villages and the town of Banbury are currently over stretched and with the down grading of the Horton General Hospital, things already are bleak and this is without adding another possible 192 canal berths (homes) to the mix.

The proposed Marina brings no benefits to the Village or the local economy. The village will not be able to make use of any of the facilities the Marina might offer its residents. This was clearly stated to us by the applicant.

As I Mentioned above the Village has no amenities and this has been the case for the last 30+ years so has nothing to offer or support a Marina (unlike Cropredy and Fenny Compton who both have pubs, a shop and doctors, and like I stated in my last sentence the Marina will not provide the village with anything.

The roads through the village and to the proposed site are very narrow (down to 2mtrs in places) with sharp bends and very limited passing places.

The road is used a lot by large agricultural vehicles, cyclists and horses from the local stables.

In winter the grit Lorries only grit the main road into the village, and does not go anywhere near the Boddington Road. In snow conditions the Boddington Road passed the Marina becomes unpassable even for 4x4’s.

In the past we have had LGV’s and HGV’s try to negotiate the narrow road and the bridge over the cannel only to become stuck **AND BLOCK THE ROAD SO THAT IT IS COMPLETELY IMPASSABLE FOR EMERGANCY VEHICLES.** Blocking one road to the village for emergency vehicles is bad enough but to block the only emergency access to 192 berths (homes) is heading for a disaster.

There proposed major road changes in Boddington and Aston-le-walls, with this comes the potential, that the Boddington road maybe closed (at the Boddington end) at some point meaning any traffic to the Marina would need to come via the village.

With the Marina the volume of traffic is only going to get worse and sooner or later there could be a serious accident.

In the summer months it is not uncommon that canal traffic has restricted movement to limited hours of the day due to lack of water. There is already a 100 berth and a 50 berth Marina at Cropredy going to require water without this proposal. Where is this additional water going to come from and what further restrictions in boat movement will this create?

I have to raise concerns about pollution and the impact all these addional boats will have on the local wildlife. The Oxford Canal is after all a conservation area. It is nice to walk the canal on a quiet summers evening past the village and see an abundance of wildlife. If you walk past the Marinas at Cropredy or Fenny Compton you don’t get to see the same amount of wildlife.

Yours Sincerely.

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