**From:** Public Access DC Comments
**Sent:** 19 October 2018 09:23
**To:** Public Access DC Comments
**Subject:** Comments for Planning Application 18/00484/OUT

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 9:23 AM on 19 Oct 2018 from Mr Chris Buchanan.

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| **Application Summary** |
| **Address:** | Land North And Adjoining Home Farm Banbury Road B4100 Caversfield  |
| **Proposal:** | Outline planning permission for up to 75 homes, pedestrian and cycle routes, creation of new access point from Charlotte Avenue, provision of open space, play space, allotments, orchard, parking and associated works.  |
| **Case Officer:** | Caroline Ford  |
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| **Customer Details** |
| **Name:** | Mr Chris Buchanan |
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| **Address:** | 84 Charlotte Avenue, Bicester OX27 8AN |

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| **Comments Details** |
| **Commenter Type:** | Neighbour |
| **Stance:** | Customer objects to the Planning Application |
| **Reasons for comment:** |  |
| **Comments:** | Dear whomever it may concern, It wholeheartedly disappoints me that this planning permission is even being considered. I understand for the need for more houses in Oxfordshire and Bicester seems to be the prime location for a number of housing developments, but this proposition seems not only pointless but a break down of trust between the council and its residents. My partner and I moved to Elmsbrook in March 2018 and fell in love with the idea of a green spaced new housing development, with eco-living and sustainable living at the forefront. As a result, the price of the property is much higher than any other part of Bicester because of the added lifestyle choice we are making. This new development is a slap in the face of all the residents of Elmsbrook who believed and were promised by Elmsbrook and the council that this area of Bicester was to remain an eco-town and have more green space than any other development. I have been fooled by Elmsbrook and the council who said that they will support this development rather than selling off another piece of land to the private developers. There are so many new housing developments around Bicester at the moment, that any greenfield seems to a target at the moment. Having moved to Oxfordshire from London 3 years ago, I was looking forward to living in a greener and less developed on way of living, but thanks to decisions like this it seems to urban spread of London will sprawl into Oxfordshire. At what cost? Oxford used to be a great commuter city with the history, green space and beauty, this is only being ruined by the rapid development of our greenbelt which for me ruins why I chose to move here. Both my partner and I suffer from Asthma and an eco-living and green area of Bicester very much appealed to us. This proposal will mean that an access point from the main road will now be going through the centre of Elmsbrook. Meaning more and more cars will ruin this site. The added pollution is not what we signed up for and Cherwell should be ashamed of encouraging more car access through houses and schools when we should all be doing our best to limit car consumption, but this move simply encourages it, going completely against the promises you made when you agreed to the eco-town being built. The roads are very narrow as it is and you have to mount the curb often if there is a car approaching in the other direction, how is this going to be feasible when more car traffic will be flowing through the estate, which means more people on the streets, including school children. With regular car and bus flow, it's going to be a nightmare for residents to access their own vehicles or homes without the disruption of more cars going past their houses. Not only that but as part of living in Elmsbrook we pay for the service and upkeep of the roads and pavements to keep the place looking presentable for residents and visitors. Am I now supposed to be paying for the upkeep of people not living here as well? How is that fair? I am already paying a premium for this house and I now have to keep paying for this service charge when more people will be coming through this area. Surely this is something council should now take responsibility for if they are so insistent in putting this new road in place. I hope you consider all the points I have made and consider that in a world ever-shrinking world of green space, especially in England's countryside, this proposal goes against the promises Cherwell district council made when you approved and backed the eco-town to be built. This development had an ideal that other housing developers and councils should look to replicate, but seems that the prospect greed at whatever the cost, including the environment, seems to an ever-growing trend in today's society and one that Cherwell district council should shoulder the responsibility for if they agree to this move. Kind regards |