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Subject: Comments for Planning Application 18/00220/F

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

Comments were submitted at 10:28 PM on 29 Apr 2018 from Mrs Emily Sharpe.

Application Summary

Address: Land North Of Milton Road Adderbury Oxfordshire
Proposal: Change of use of agricultural land to sport/recreation and community use
Case Officer: Caroline Ford
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Customer Details

Name: Mrs Emily Sharpe
Email:
Address: 16 Wallin Road, Adderbury, Banbury OX17 3FA

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour
Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:
Comments: Dear Caroline,

We would like to offer the following comments with regard to planning application 18/00220/F.

The Parish Council's revised supporting statement states that there will be no public access to the site for two years after the grass is seeded. As you will be aware there is a footpath across the field which links the south-western edge of Adderbury with the rich network of public footpaths that connect the village to Bloxham and Bodicote. Whilst this is not an official public footpath, we understand it has been well used for many years by local residents and we meet many neighbours from Adderbury Fields, St Mary's Road, Berry Hill Road and Clockmaker's Turn using it. As the land is now owned by the Parish Council on behalf of the village, if this planning application is approved we ask that there be provision for continued access for the local community, perhaps by allowing people to walk along the access track on the western edge of the field.

Milton Road is a busy road and traffic into and out of the village often exceeds the 30mph speed limit. The Parish Council has made no acknowledgement of this in their application. It is already awkward to cross the road with traffic coming from many directions (Milton Road, Berry Hill Road, Horn Hill Road, St Mary's Road, Wallin Road and Clockmaker's Turn), and it will become even more difficult with an additional junction within the same few hundred metres. If this planning application is approved we ask that there be provision for traffic calming and a pedestrian crossing to ensure the safety of visitors and residents.

We understand that the Parish Council would like to use the land for football pitches and club house, and that Adderbury Football Club are looking for improved facilities. We are concerned a future proposal may include floodlights and/or a bar, both of which would encourage use of the site until late in the evening, disturbing local residents. Floodlights would bring significant light pollution to a small village location and there are already four bars in the village (and we understand it is hoped that The Black Boy in Milton will open under new owners), so there are a number of options available to players after matches.

The drawing that the Parish Council has submitted with the proposal, while indicative, is unrealistic and not to scale. To ensure users of the new facilities do not park on neighbouring roads, there should be provision for at least 68 cars (four football teams of 11 players and 3 substitutes (56), two team managers and their staff (6), referee and linesmen for each pitch (6)). It is unclear whether there would be enough space for this because the plan submitted is not accurate.

We took our daughter to the play area in the Lucy Plackett Playing Field last Sunday. It was a beautiful afternoon and there were children playing in the play area, on the football pitch, on the zip wire and in the multi-use games area. If the land north of Milton Road is converted into another recreation area with football pitches and multi-use games area, it has the potential to divide the village by providing two facilities, one for residents closest to Milton Road and the other for residents closest to the Lucy Plackett Playing Field. It struck us last weekend, that the central location of the Lucy Plackett Playing Field unifies the village by encouraging adults and children alike to meet in one place. We think it would be a great loss to the village if this arrangement was lost.

Robert & Emily Sharpe

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