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Mr R Neville

Planning Officer

Cherwell District Council

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Dear Mr Neville

**Proposed development of 25 houses, Hook Norton Road, Sibford Ferris**

**Your ref: 18/01894/out**

I write to object to this proposal. I’ve been resident in Sibford Ferris for over 30 years and know first hand the effect this scale of development would have on the village.

In particular, the additional traffic would make the main road through Sibford Ferris a log jam at peak times and heavy at many other times. Every day I see how the pinch point by the village shop and again by Little London are bad already, frequently requiring backing-up and negotiating. The village has no pavement through much of Main Road and its also frequented every day by horse riders and many cyclists. The enjoyment and safety of walkers and road users other than cars and lorries would be compromised further than it is already. Even cars that exit the village towards Hook Norton will be mixing with school traffic at peak times. The additional of perhaps 50 cars to the village is out of all proportion to what the village can accommodate.

The proposal is also out of line with the local plan. As a category A village, Sibford is not obliged to take high density housing developments yet this proposal would increase the size of the village by approximately 25%. A previous proposal for up to 10 houses was generally better accepted, showing the village is open to a proposal which meets the needs of the village, focused on smaller houses for first time buyers and downsizing older residents who wish to stay in their local community.

Finally I object to the effect increasing development at this scale would have on the character of the village. I also worry about what would follow, given the proportion of the field being proposed for this development is small compared to the total amount of land in the same ownership at this site.

Yours sincerely

**Philip Edmunds**