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For the attention of Bob Neville, case officer

Dear Sir,

Re: Application 18/01894/OUT - Outline planning permission with all matters reserved for up to 25 dwellings with associated open space, parking and sustainable drainage

I write in connection with the above planning application. I have examined the proposal and know the site well and wish to express my strong objection to a development of 25 houses in this location.

The villages of Sibford Ferris and Sibford Gower fall under Category A in The Cherwell Local Plan 2011 – 2031. If we take the considerations for development therein under *Policy Villages 2: Distributing Growth across the Rural Areas* (such as whether the proposal would contribute in enhancing the built environment, whether vehicular and pedestrian access exists / can be provided, its location in relation to services and facilities) one can easily see that this site is unsuitable. The existing infrastructure is woefully inadequate to support any increase in vehicles, pupils and patients. Pavements are virtually non-existent, the roads are narrow and traffic is frequently gridlocked.

I am equally concerned about the loss of valuable agricultural land, wildlife habitats, changing the natural environment and the effect it would have on outdoor pursuits enjoyed by many (walking, cycling, riding).

The National Planning Policy Framework (2018) supports sustainable developments, and I argue that this village cannot sustain such a development. The size of the development is disproportionate to the size of the village and would irrevocably change its character.

Yours faithfully,

Hubert Keller