**From:** Caroline Long
**Sent:** 30 January 2019 15:12
**To:** Paul Seckington
**Subject:** Sibford Ferris, Hook Norton Road, PlanningReference 18/01894/OUT

Dear Mr. Seckington,

We support Sibford Ferris Parish Council’s total objection to the above planning application for the following reasons:

1.                  This planning application is not in accordance with the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031.  As a Category A (Service) village, only proposals for minor development, infilling and conversions within the built-up limits of the village will be considered.  The proposal is not within the built-up limits of the village, and is certainly not a minor development.

2.                  The proposed development is disproportionate to the size of the village – increasing the area of the village by a quarter.

3.                  Additional traffic is unsustainable.  A census that was carried out recorded 199 vehicle movements in the village between 8 am and 9 am on a term-time weekday in September this year.  Further development will exacerbate the problem, whilst increasing the danger for children walking to school.

4.                  Mid Cherwell District housing needs have already been met.  The Cherwell District Council is able to display 5.4 years’ housing land supply at a time when Written Ministerial statement HLW 5924 states that only a 3-year housing land supply need be displayed while the Joint Spatial Strategy Plan is being progressed.  Sibford Ferris is located outside Search areas A and B for the Oxford Unmet Housing Need plan.

5.                  There will be a significant landscape impact from both the public rights of way and from far-reaching views across the village.  The proposed development is in open countryside.

6.                  The proposed development is against the needs of the village and the wishes of the community.  It is opposed by the Parish Council and is not compatible with the Sibford Community Plan adopted in 2012.

Your sincerely,

            **David and Caroline Long**

            **Mulberry House, Sibford Ferris**