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**Subject:** Comments for Planning Application 17/02414/F

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

Comments were submitted at 2:11 PM on 16 Jan 2018 from Mrs Clare McKinley.

## Application Summary

**Address:** Land To The South And Adj To South Side Steeple Aston

**Proposal:** Erection of 6 no. two-storey residential dwellings with access off South Side, including parking and garaging, landscaping and all enabling and ancillary works.

**Case Officer:** James Kirkham

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## Customer Details

**Name:** Mrs Clare McKinley

**Email:**

**Address:** The Rise South Side, Steeple Aston, Oxfordshire OX25 4RU

## Comments Details

**Commenter Type:** Neighbour

**Stance:** Customer made comments neither objecting to or supporting the Planning Application

**Reasons for comment:**

**Comments:** I would support the use of this site in principle but not in the way that it is proposed.

It is disappointing to see that, following the open meeting with villagers in the autumn, Rectory Homes appear to have addressed none of the key issues which were specifically raised: pedestrian access, footpath and lack of affordable housing. What, therefore, is the point of such meetings and apparent consultation?

The proposed pedestrian access emerges at the point of least visibility on the bend. If you stand there, you cannot see cars approaching from the west, and cars approaching from the east would have too little time to slow down. It would be dangerous for adults and more so for children and animals. Although many drivers are careful, it is well known in the village that some drivers

exceed the speed limit along this stretch. It only takes one.... An alternative pedestrian access needs to be investigated.

There is no footway link from the proposed site to the village. To the east of the site, the road narrows and space is even more confined at the pinchpoint by the Red Lion. Two vehicles can only just manage to pass with care. If a bus and car meet, one has to back up. I have walked this way for many years. Each time requires listening for oncoming vehicles (there is no visibility due to the bend), and if 'caught out' by an unheard vehicle, have had to squeeze against the hedge or escape through the Red Lion car park. Footway provision to the village, school and shops from the site would be essential. How do Rectory Homes propose to resolve this?

The proposed development does not meet the real need of the village which is to provide affordable and appropriately -sized accommodation for young people or the elderly who wish to downsize. Many villagers in these categories wish to stay in this beautiful village but there is a severe shortage of suitable accommodation. There are already plenty, even a surfeit, of 4-bedroom houses.