

Comment for planning application 18/00825/HYBRID

Application Number	18/00825/HYBRID
Location	Heyford Park Camp Road Upper Heyford Bicester OX25 5HD
Proposal	<p>A hybrid planning application consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• demolition of buildings and structures as listed in Schedule 1;• outline planning permission for up to: > 1,175 new dwellings (Class C3); > 60 close care dwellings (Class C2/C3); > 929 m2 of retail (Class A1); > 670 m2 comprising a new medical centre (Class D1); > 35,175 m2 of new employment buildings, (comprising up to 6,330 m2 Class B1a, 13,635 m2 B1b/c, 9,250 m2 Class B2, and 5,960 m2 B8); > 2,415 m2 of new school building on 2.45 ha site for a new school (Class D1); > 925 m2 of community use buildings (Class D2); and 515 m2 of indoor sports, if provided on-site (Class D2); > 30m in height observation tower with zip-wire with ancillary visitor facilities of up to 100 m2 (Class D1/A1/A3); > 1,000 m2 energy facility/infrastructure (sui generis); > 2,520 m2 additional education facilities (buildings and associated external infrastructure) at Buildings 73, 74 and 583 for education use (Class D1); > creation of areas of Open Space, Sports Facilities, Public Park and other green infrastructure.• the change of use of the following buildings and areas: > Buildings 3036, 3037, 3038, 3039, 3040, 3041, and 3042 for employment use (Class B1b/c, B2, B8); > Buildings 217, 3052, 3053, 3054, 3055, 3102, and 3136 for employment use (Class B8); > Buildings 2010 and 3009 for filming and heritage activities (Sui Generis/Class D1); > Buildings 73 and 2004 (Class D1); > Buildings 391, 1368, 1443, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008 and 2009 (Class D1/D2 with ancillary A1-A5 use); > Building 340 (Class D1, D2, A3); > 20.3ha of hardstanding for car processing (Sui Generis); and > 76.6ha for filming activities, including 2.1 ha for filming set construction and event parking (Sui Generis);• the continuation of use of areas, buildings and structures already benefiting from previous planning permissions, as specified in Schedule 2.• associated infrastructure works, including surface water attenuation provision and upgrading Chilgrove Drive and the junction with Camp Road.
Case Officer	Andrew Lewis
Organisation Name	
Name	Marcus Potts
Address	2 School Cottages,The Green,North Aston,Bicester,OX25 6HT
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>As someone whose home overlooks the Somerton Road through North Aston, I am repeatedly made aware of the heavy traffic already using this narrow, country road, and the speed, aggression and ever-increasing volume of that traffic. The thought that mitigation measures being planned for Middleton Stoney, including the proposed Bus Gate, will lead to a doubling of that through-traffic at peak times is utterly horrifying. The roads between Heyford Park and The Fox crossroads, passing through Ardley, Somerton and North Aston are consistently narrow, and sometimes not even wide enough for two vehicles to pass. They are unprotected, with open verges, and largely under-maintained, with potholes, rising springs, deep gulley to either side, and unevenly surfaced. They are already unsuitable for the purposes to which they are being exposed today, and to force yet more vehicles to use them is grossly irresponsible and dangerous. The Bus Gate proposal, while attempting to address the difficult situation around Middleton Stoney, will merely transpose those issues onto other villages and communities even less well equipped to accommodate them. The existing route is shorter, wider and infinitely better suited to the levels of traffic predicted than the long, winding, narrow and more residential alternative that drivers will be forced to use if the Bus Gate is implemented. The proposal appears to have had only cursory examination, and perhaps is offered as a sop to those who've previously made more 'noise' about the Heyford Park development. No thought has been given to the lives and well-being of those who will have to live alongside the route - or for the drivers who will be required to follow it - the sharp bends, hump-backed bridges, one-way bottlenecks, flooded causeways and awkward junctions. There are no footpaths where pedestrians can feel secure, the roads are already too narrow to offer comfortably safe passage for cyclists and cars, and horse-riders take their lives, and those of their horses, into the hands of passing motorists whenever they set out. And this is the situation now even before these mitigating measures are brought into effect. Whatever the outcome of this planning application, the ongoing development of Heyford Park, while welcome in some regards, is steadily leading to a</p>

significant deterioration in the quality of life, health and well-being of the residents in surrounding communities. Traffic calming measures are already long-overdue in villages like Somerton, North Aston and Upper Heyford, and the Bus Gate will simply make their need even greater. Please, do not permit this short-sighted and needless development. It achieves nothing positive and appears to be totally unnecessary.

Received Date

03/08/2020 12:32:08

Attachments