## Comment for planning application 19/01037/REM

**Application Number** 19/01037/REM

Location

OS Parcels 6741 And 5426 West Of Cricket Field Nor Wykham Lane Bodicote

**Proposal** 

Reserved matters to 15/01326/OUT - Layout, scale, appearance and landscaping for the residential development of up to 280 dwellings and 34 space car park.

**Case Officer** 

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**Type of Comment** 

Objection

**Type** 

neighbour

**Comments** 

Three years on and yet again I find myself raising objections to yet another application by Gladman in their seeming obsession to squeeze houses into and profit out of the last strip of green land separating Bodicote from Banbury. There is literally not a main road into Banbury that does not have a housing development either in progress or in application, continuing to push the town boundaries out into the surrounding countryside and nearby villages. The town's infrastructure comprising roads, schools, GP surgeries and the Horton General Hospital, cannot cope with the current population size, let alone the increased numbers caused by these new developments. And still the applications for further development come in, and the proposals here in question now look to fill in a further small green patch between town and village. From the weasely introductory words in the original proposal documents, intimating nimby-ism in any objection, through the fatuous supposed benefits to a community that needs no more burden on it's already over-stretched and under-funded infrastructure and services, these proposals are nothing more than a fast-buck scheme formulated to take advantage of Cherwell District Council's being caught out in not putting together a coherent and sustainable plan for the future. The plan shows access sweeping into the development from the farm shop roundabout and have White Post Road t-junction onto that. This will undoubtedly create further bottlenecks, and further restrict traffic movement into and out of Bodicote, restricted as it already is at the other end of the village by traffic lights onto the Oxford Road which are phased in favour of the Longford Park development. Now traffic flow out of the village at the north end will be slowed in favour of the proposed link road to the new estate. The planners clearly do not live anywhere near here and have not a clue as to the impact on the existing population. The nearby Longford Park development has already had detrimental effect on traffic volume and flow, with the recently introduced traffic management measures failing to improve the situation. The additional volume and flow caused by this proposed development will make matters worse. The Oxford Road is an extremely busy road at all times now, with a lot of cars using the Timms and Easington residential areas as a rat run. The development will only add to that. And the proposal that this development ultimately forms a spine road across to the Bloxham Road will either create another rat run if it flows, or further traffic hold- ups if it doesn't. The plans show houses facing onto Salt Way, with existing houses already insitu on the other side of Salt Way. Why is it felt necessary to cram these proposed houses right under the noses of the existing residents and right alongside Salt Way? Why not put them on the Wykham Lane side of the development and have the green areas beside Salt Way? But then I just revert to the original question..why build them at all? I believe that the proposed development is ill-thought through and of no benefit to the community, low on meeting any perceived social need, and high on money- making potential when presented to a District Council that continues not to listen to the people who literally are their neighbours.

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