

# Comment for planning application 19/00616/OUT

Application Number	19/00616/OUT
Location	OS Parcel 9507 South Of 26 And Adjoining Fewcott Road Fritwell
Proposal	The erection of up to 28 dwellings and associated site access onto Fewcott Road
Case Officer	James Kirkham
Organisation	
Name	Mike Buffham
Address	Maple House,7 Hodgson Close,Fritwell,Bicester,OX27 7QB
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I object to this revised proposal from Cala Homes on a number of grounds. These are basically the same grounds as I objected to the previous plans in May 2019: 1) Creeping urbanisation. A development on this greenfield site is clearly outside of the established village environment, therefore continues to erode the countryside between the villages of Fritwell and Ardley-with-Fewcott. This development therefore alters the rural character of the surrounding area. This contradicts the objectives of the Mid-Cherwell Neighbourhood Plan (MCNP) - Section D1 "strongly encourages the use of brownfield sites" - Section D2 "to resist the loss over time of the all-important countryside between villages" and the local plan (adopted by Cherwell) which states "proposals are not permitted if they would cause undue visual intrusion into open countryside" 2) Cala Homes application will still result in a high density of housing directly backing onto existing properties, causing an unacceptable loss of privacy for many residents of Hodgson Close. 3) The MCNP, recently endorsed by a referendum in March 2019, suggests that Fritwell should accommodate 25 new houses in the period up to 2031. The Cala Homes application makes no reference to the total of 15 houses already being built in Fritwell (7 under construction on the "George &amp; Dragon" site and 8 just completed, although not yet for occupation, on the Calvert Farm site). This would suggest that the democratically supported MCNP requires a further 10 houses to be built in Fritwell in the next 12 years. I also believe the 750 new homes outlined in the publicly endorsed MCNP, is also very close to being met already, therefore, for this democratically approved plan to have credibility in the community this application should be rejected as housing not required under the recommendations in the MCNP. 4) The resulting increase in a number of services and utilities will put further pressure on already struggling infrastructure, specifically the sewage works in Fritwell where there is already a history of recurring problems around drainage and consequently flooding 5) A development of this scale will clearly have an impact on traffic movements. With no effective bus service in Fritwell it has to be assumed that all travel to and from this proposed development will be by car and put unsustainable strain on already busy roads through Fritwell. Whilst Fritwell was historically classified as a Category A village, today it has no Pub (historically there was 2 but one has already been knocked down and housing is being built on the site) or similar place for social / family activities, adding to traffic demands as people (new and existing) will need to travel to surrounding villages, towns and cities for these facilities. 6) The proposed development's access to the Fewcott Road is on a 60mph single carriageway stretch of road, very close to a bend therefore not allowing adequate visibility of oncoming traffic and consequently a potentially very dangerous road junction. 7) My final objection continues to be around the argument that is sometimes put forward that this development would help the sustainability of local amenities and resources in Fritwell. Whilst I have to say this argument does sound logical the only facts I can see actually counter this argument as the last development of a similar scale in Fritwell was the Hodgson Close development of 34 houses and since this development was completed we have seen 2 pubs close, a decline in the school roll and local bus services have pretty much disappeared, so, in my opinion, the evidence is not supported by actual facts.</p>
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