

Comment for planning application 19/01047/OUT

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| Application Number | 19/01047/OUT |
| Location | Land North East Of Oxford Road West Of Oxford Canal And East Of Bankside Banbury |
| Proposal | Outline planning application for a residential development of up to 825 dwellings; green infrastructure including formal (playing fields with changing rooms, allotments) and informal open space; landscaping and associated infrastructure including a balancing pond; on land off the A4260, with access off the existing Longford Park access off the A4260 (Oxford Road), and a new access off the A4260 (Banbury Road). All matters of detail reserved, save for access. |
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| Type of Comment | Comment |
| Type | neighbour |
| Comments | <p>There are four observations that I would like to add towards this proposal. 1. Since moving to Banbury in 2015, me and my partner have noticed a significant increase in the traffic on the roads. As the infrastructure has not grown at the same level of the population, roads in and around Banbury are struggling to cope with the number of cars. During peak times it takes 15 minutes to get from the M40 to the hightown area. The traffic along Hennef way is managed poorly by the dual carriageway, and recently topped a list of the most polluting roads in the county (40% more polluted than the next most polluting road in the county). The condition of the roads is suffering too. Regular resurfacing along oxford road, Ermont way, Hennef way all contribute to increase traffic levels. I would like to know how the proposer would act on the increase of traffic that would be brought along with 825 additional homes (an increase of 1000+ additional cars on the road). A main bypass that linked from the M40 to the Oxford road would reduce the traffic in the centre of town and along Middleton Rd. and Hennef way. 2. Continuing with infrastructure, Middleton Rd and Hennef way/Concorde Av. are the main routes into Banbury. In recent months we have seen an increase in the roadworks around the train station which has been poorly managed. Traffic regularly blocking off the crossroads near the town centre and traffic queuing along Concorde av. (including across the roundabout) is dangerous. By increasing the number of cars on the road, this will only get worse. Plans to divert traffic from here should be considered to ease congestion during peak times. 3. Since 2015, there has been a number of new developments that have opened alongside the new gateway retail park - this will soon be followed by castle quay 2. All of these have positively impacted the area and is the reason why I leave this as a comment opposed to an objection. There are the facilities to be able to house another 825 homes and local businesses would benefit greatly from the increased custom. However, just walk along longford park road and you will see that there is not enough space on the development for the number of cars that are there. The main road is already full of cars parked on the road, which I would imagine is in addition to the allocated parking that they receive. This is not a standalone case - Thorpe way and Marshall road are the same (and surrounding areas). How will parking be managed to ensure that the roads of the new estate do not turn into mass car parks? 4. Finally, the increase of homes will inevitably lead to an increase in the number of students needing a secondary school. Longford park primary school and the primary school at Hanwell fields have absorbed the capacity at primary level - what are the plans in terms of secondary schools? If an additional primary school is opened, then around 150 secondary school age students will need a place at a secondary school from 2027 onwards. Local secondary schools are at capacity. What will the plans be with regards to the future planning of this increased need? Overall, the increase in homes is a good thing. Banbury has expanded with the increase in population and diversity. It would be ashame to see the infrastructure continued to be left behind as it will put people off wanting to move to the area.</p> |
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