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To: Caroline Ford <Caroline.Ford@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk>

Cc: 'West Adderbury Residents Association'

Subject: Objection to Planning Application 19/00963/OUT

Dear Caroline,

We wish to OBJECT to this application on the following grounds:

The proposed development is outside the residential settlement boundary agreed in the ANP; West Adderbury has had two large new developments in the last few years and has doubled in size as a result;

Additional new estate-style developments will fundamentally change the nature of West Adderbury; Social problems have already developed on one of the new estates;

The proposed site is isolated and will require new residents to drive, placing additional traffic on local roads, already suffering from traffic issues;

The proposed site has very limited access to the village centre (e.g. St Mary's Church, the library) – the so-called "network" of footpaths referred to are not well-used and are overgrown; some pass right through residents' gardens; all are unsuitable for cycling or pushchairs due to slopes and undergrowth;

The junction of Berry Hill Road and the A4260 is extremely busy and dangerous; there have been a number of minor accidents and near-misses there this year alone, including at least two accidents leading to a road closure, one of which required the presence of an air ambulance;

Crossing the A4260 on foot from the Berry Hill Road side is very dangerous; the opposite crossing has even less visibility; traffic between Banbury and Deddington routinely ignores the 40 mph limit which commences just south of Berry Hill Road;

The proposed development will severely affect the amenity of the adjoining existing properties on Berry Hill Road;

Adderbury is described as a village with a shop and other resources, but our village shop has been closed for many months and the nearest supermarket is in either Deddington or Banbury;

The development will place additional pressure on already-stretched local resources (the school, public transport, burial ground);

The development of this site will increase the risk of local flooding in an area with several natural springs and a very high water table;

Buses between Adderbury and Banbury/Oxford have recently been dramatically reduced;

The nearest train station is several miles away;

The views across this site are not just to St Mary's Church but also to Twyford on the other side of the village; these views help to link the different areas of the village together;

This site provides a visual green space at the entry to West Adderbury from the A4260; existing development along this road consists of large, spaced apart, individual houses with extensive frontages; an estate of closely packed new houses will destroy this "gateway" to the village and is completely out of keeping with the well-established look and feel of this part of West Adderbury;

Development of this site will be detrimental to local wildlife, including badgers, foxes, hedgehogs and deer.

The proposed development must be considered in the context of the two new developments further along Berry Hill/Milton Road (Adderbury Fields and Henge Close), and the many large new estates at the other end of the Milton Road, in Bloxham. When we moved to Adderbury in 2012 it was extremely rare to have to wait at the junction of Horn Hill Road and Berry Hill Road. Now, we are queuing every single day. The number of children using the Oak Tree bus stop has increased

dramatically (at least 4 schools use this stop). The number of cars parked all day next to the bus stop at the Oak Tree junction has also increased (presumably drivers are parking here and catching a bus into Oxford). Every day I see drivers taking risks to pull out onto the A4260 when there is no space to do so. At least a couple of times a week the queue of traffic to get through the Deddington traffic lights is back to just south of Berry Hill Rd.

Kind regards,

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