



RED LIGHT GREENLIGHT

Campaign to prevent 74 houses being built on land opposite East Hagbourne Primary School

Deadline for objections and comments: 16 August 2017

YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

Greenlight's planning application to build 74 houses (with 171 parking spaces) on the land opposite to the Primary School is now in its consultation period.

NOW IS THE TIME FOR US TO SUBMIT OUR OBJECTIONS!



We are extremely concerned that Greenlight have ignored the risks and dangers the additional traffic volumes will cause which children of pre-school and primary age will have to face crossing the road to their school **and the additional road and junction crossing** that the development would inflict on them when they try to get to their sports and playing field.

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PROTECT OUR CHILDREN AND OBJECT TO THIS APPLICATION.

How to object?

Online:

Go to www.SouthOxon.gov.uk and type P17/S2469/O into the grey search bar and click on the proposal (or go to Mind the Green Gap website where there is a link to the proposal page). Click on the orange 'Comment Now' box.

You can read other people's comments here too. Just scroll down past the comments box and start clicking on the yellow folders to the right of the house numbers.

In writing to:

SODC, 135 Eastern Avenue, Milton Park, Abingdon, OX14 4SB.

Please quote Planning application P17/S2469/O at the top of the letter and remember to include your name and address.

What to say?

Here are some examples of concerns and objections you can make with reference to SODC policies:

Remember: It's important to voice your concerns in your own words.

1. Impact on Road Safety / Pedestrian Safety

The proposed location would compromise the safety of children. The village hall car park is not large enough to accommodate all cars at school pick up and drop off times, resulting in overflow parking on Main road and reduced visibility at the crossing. Increase in traffic would necessarily increase likelihood of a serious accident occurring in this area by the crossing.

Primary and pre-school age children would need to cross not only the road to their school but also the additional road included in the scheme to access their playing and sports field.

The scheme conflicts with SODC local plan policy T1 which states:

"Proposals of all types of development will, where appropriate:

be served by an adequate road network which can accommodate traffic without creating traffic hazards or damage to the environment;"

2. Impact of increased traffic

Both East and West Hagbourne are villages with roads that are winding, single track in places and unsuitable for increased through traffic.

Traffic will be also be increased through to Coscot, Park Road, Blewbury Road, New Road and Jubilee Roundabout Didcot.

3. Scheme is not appropriate for the village

East Hagbourne is classed as a small village of close to 500 homes and growth should be proportional to the number of houses. Under local plans it would be expected to have infill development of up to 10 houses in any location. The proposed development would result in a 15% increase in the number of homes, which exceeds the 5% to 10% requirements of policy H10 of SODC's emerging local plan 2033.

4. Scheme is an unplanned speculative development

This site is unplanned and not allocated for development in the emerging SODC Plan, the Didcot Garden Town Plan or East Hagbourne's emerging neighbourhood Plan.

It conflicts with SODC core strategy which states:

"South Oxfordshire is a predominantly rural district and we intend to maintain and strengthen the communities in the villages. We also intend to ensure that their character and distinctiveness is maintained, growth is proportionate to the size of the existing village"

5. Pressure on schools and local services

East Hagbourne Primary school is already at full capacity, necessitating car trips to ferry village children to other local schools. Development here adds to this problem.

6. Loss of room for Expansion of Community Facilities

The development as proposed would prevent any significant future expansion of the Village Hall and adjoining public car park or possible recreational facilities.

7. Adverse effect on the landscape / views

There would be significant loss of views across this field from the railway embankment towards the Church and Conservation Area. This conflicts with SODC local plan policies G2, G4 and C4

"Development which would damage the attractive landscape setting of the settlements of the district will not be permitted."

8. Light pollution

Light pollution is an orange glow around urban areas causing the spilling of light beyond the boundaries of properties. The proposal conflicts with SODC local plan policy EP3 which states:

"Proposals for new floodlighting and other external lighting that would have an adverse effect on neighbouring residents, the rural character of the countryside or biodiversity will not be permitted;"

For further ideas on objections go to our Facebook page or email susanpring@hotmail.com