

Comments for Planning Application 20/00934/FUL

Application Summary

Application Number: 20/00934/FUL

Address: Land To The Rear Of The George Inn 5 Sandford Road Littlemore Oxford Oxfordshire OX4 4PU

Proposal: Erection of 2 x 1 bed, 3 x 2 bed and 3 x 3 bed dwellings with associated off-street parking, private amenity, secure bicycle parking and recycling and refuse storage provisions.|cr||cr||crl

Case Officer: Clare Gray

Customer Details

Name: Mr Richard Evers

Address: Beenhams Cottage Railway Lane Oxford

Comment Details

Commenter Type: Neighbours

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Access
- Amount of development on site
- Effect on character of area
- Effect on existing community facilities
- Effect on traffic
- General dislike or support for proposal
- Local plan policies
- On-street parking
- Other - give details
- Parking provision
- Public transport provision/accessibility

Comment:I live on the corner of Railway Lane and Sandford Road, opposite The George pub to which this planning application refers.

I must firstly say I am dismayed that the building of this many houses is proposed on this site. This is a conservation area which usually has strict and reasonable constraints to prevent there being a loss of character in Littlemore. This plan seems to have an excessive number of units, which also appear to be entirely out of character. The number of parking spaces is clearly inadequate, too, given how badly serviced Littlemore is by public transport as it is.

My main objection, however, is the impact this plan will have on local village roads and in

particular, Railway Lane:

1. Sandford Road is already busy and set to be more so, with new developments already underway that will mean an increase in the traffic pressure. Please remember Sandford Road has a zebra crossing right by this pub used by frequently families - and of course many school children due to the close proximity of a school. It is a village road, but has become a through route to the ring road and will only get busier with large new developments already planned.
2. The loss of the pub car park will mean that Railway Lane will be the obvious place to park in order to access the pub. Railway Lane is already used for 'convenient' all day parking by people working nearby, or attending matches at the Kassam Stadium. The road also serves as a route to Sainsbury's car park on foot, and of course it is already the route for all the residents of the housing off Chapel Road to exit by car. It is far too busy as it stands for such a lane. There is also the Village Hall in Railway Lane, which is used for events and sometimes means people need to park on the road. The hall's use has not been too troubling, but if yet more roadside-parked cars are added by this plan it will certainly become so.
3. The pub is a welcome as part of the village, but the effect of effectively removing the pub's car park will only make Sandford Road and in particular Railway Lane more perilous for all residents. I also cannot see this historic amenity being viable with the loss of its car park in the long term.

I feel strongly this plan as it stands will have a considerable and detrimental effect on Railway Lane in particular, and generally in the Sandford lane area. I strongly feel that this plan as it stands must be rejected.