

# 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.

Case Officer: Clare Gray

## Customer Details

Name: Mrs Susan Aldridge

Address: Dudgeon Drive Littlemore Oxford

## Comment Details

Commenter Type: Parish Objection

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Access
- Amount of development on site
- Contaminated land issues
- Effect on adjoining properties
- Effect on character of area
- Effect on existing community facilities
- Effect on pollution
- Effect on privacy
- Effect on traffic
- General dislike or support for proposal
- Light - daylight/sunlight
- Local ecology, biodiversity
- Local plan policies
- Noise and disturbance
- On-street parking
- Open space provision
- Other - give details
- Parking provision
- Public transport provision/accessibility

Comment: I am totally opposed to this proposed development and I should like to make the following comments.

The planning application is totally unacceptable. It is a small area in question which with 8 houses, garden and parking would be overdeveloped, intruding into other adjacent residents' residential space. There is a potential for 16 residents' cars which would displace the parking for the pub, most probably onto the main Sandford Road. Construction traffic and pollution would cause great disruption especially when vehicles would be entering or leaving the narrow entrance to this postage stamp size site.

Currently the pub car park accommodates not only pub customers' cars but also permits parking by folk from the local and wider community eg parents delivering/collecting children from the nearby Emanuel Christian school; overflow parking from the nearby Village Hall; parishioners attending the local church for weddings etc; and supporters of Oxford United. (often 100 hundred cars parked there) There are also many leisure activities and clubs which use the pub as a base.

This development will kill the pub stone dead and all of that community activity and goodwill will be lost.

This pub has a long history having served as a village blacksmiths in the early 1800s. The recently Sainted John Henry Newman lodged there when he was a simple priest serving the people of the village in the 1830s.

Littlemore has a huge problem with traffic: volume, pollution and speed. Many motorists from elsewhere use it as a 'rat run' to the by-passes. Any development which contributes to more permanent traffic is undesirable and I am shocked at the contents of the Transport Report.

As mentioned above the pub has been a meeting place for various social activities and clubs. Over the years the landlord has undertaken amazing charitable works raising money for the local church, Village Hall, schools and other worthwhile causes. He hosts family events at Bank Holiday and Christmas. It brings the community together. There is only one other pub in the village which has no where near the same level of community spirit and participation.

Eight houses is 8 too many and I'm shocked and surprised that the City Council were suggesting 10 dwellings originally . There is no gain when you compare the tremendous destruction which will be wreaked on this treasured pub and its community.