

Comments for Planning Application DC/15/2151/OUT

Application Summary

Application Number: DC/15/2151/OUT

Address: Great Wilsey Park Wilsey Road Little Wratting Suffolk

Proposal: Outline Application (Means of Access to be considered) - Residential development of up to 2,500 units (within use classes C2/C3); two primary schools; two local centres including retail, community and employment uses (with use classes A1/A2/A3/A4/A5, B1 and D1/D2; open space; landscaping and associated infrastructure

Case Officer: Chris Rand

Customer Details

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Comment Details

Commenter Type: Member of the Public

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Traffic or Highways

Comment: I am commenting now on the transport implications. The Travel Plan seems to aspire to encourage cycling as a preferred means of transport rather than driving. While I agree this can be a desirable mode in some situations, I cannot envisage residents cycling over undulating roads and paths, mainly downhill to town and subsequently uphill on return, having visited supermarkets, surgeries (especially if unwell), library, and other amenities, taking in account factors such as age, fitness, weather, experience, and encumbrances such as young children. Restricting parking spaces, narrowing roads and so on might discourage some car ownership but unless draconian measures are legally enforced residents will still use cars for local journeys. It is not clear either how the timed circular zones for cycling were measured as the crow flies or by practical experience. Roads and paths are not straight.

Transport alternatives such as buses will possibly become a part of this local traffic movement, but unless it feeds in to express buses in town and does not become part of the estate tours as at present it will not be an acceptable alternative.

And however one might wish to encourage local jobs (and the few provided by the development will do little to meet any noticeable need) it has to be accepted that Cambridge (with its own housing problems), Stansted, Bury and beyond, are going to be the preferred employment destination for many new residents, and until the A1307 is drastically improved there can be no further pressure put on this route. The NE Relief Road appears to have very loose connection to pace of developments on both the NW and NE side of the A143, and in any case I suspect on completion might encourage even more residents on the Present East ward to travel further afield, thus adding even more to commuting traffic on the A1307. Having used that route for over 10

years when working in Cambridge I question the surveys timings for assessment.