

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: Consultee

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Comment Reasons:

- Traffic or Highways

Comment:(cont from comment one sent earlier)

Level routes are preferred as hills require more work and are less comfortable. Cycle routes along roads need to be separated from road traffic. Cycling infrastructure needs to be well maintained which includes winter treatment against ice and snow.

How does this actually fit with the travel plan? Not particularly well. The first problem is the heights involved. Cycling uphill is hard work, cycling downhill can be fast and dangerous. Look at the heights from the town bus station to Gt.Wilsey Farm - Bus Station 65m, Chalkstone Way 97m, Site of Little Wilsey Farm 75m, and Gt.Wilsey and Gt. Wilsey Farm 96m. Not only is there a substantial difference in heights,(hence the name Chalkstone Hil) but a very undulating terrain. I dont think many residents will be keen on doing that on a regular basis. There is also the problem of the cycle routes on the existing Chalkstone Estate. Most are along the roads so cycle paths need to be added. This really is a must because one of the two main access roads comes out on Chalkstone Way , so the routes through the Chalkstone will see a considerable increase in road traffic. I would remind the council that they installed traffic calming measures to slow traffic speeds and to discourage its use as a rat run because of the residential nature of the area and the number of schools on the estate. So with the extra traffic generated by the new development life for both pedestrians and cyclists becomes more dangerous. A similar problem will occur both in Wratting Rd & Withersfield Rd unless the North West Relief road is built.

So basically a transport policy which is meant to be beneficial to Haverhill is in reality going to be the exact opposite. I can only hope that it is not too late for the council to re-examine this transport proposal and come forward with sensible solutions which will stand the test of time and above all

be for the benefit of the people of Haverhill.