

CAVERSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

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Response to Planning Application 18/01333/F

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Dear Maria,

Caversfield Parish Council considered planning application reference 18/01333/F at Bicester Heritage, Buckingham Road, OX26 5HA for 'Extension to existing Technical Site to provide new employment units comprising flexible B1(c) light industrial, B2 (general industrial), B8 (storage or distribution) uses with ancillary offices, storage, display and sales, together with associated access, parking and landscaping' at the meeting on 19 September and had the following objections.

The Parish Council did not believe that adequate consideration had been given to the vehicular access or, therefore, to addressing Policy SLE4.

The main access to Bicester Heritage is on the A4421, Buckingham Road just a short distance from the roundabout. It does not appear that any provision has been made for changing the road outside this entrance to accommodate vehicles turning right from the roundabout into the Technical Site. The Buckingham Road is extremely busy and one vehicle turning right can cause a backup onto the roundabout very quickly. There is historical evidence of villagers who have had experience of inattentive drivers having to brake harshly to avoid collisions as drivers come off the roundabout and start to accelerate. Consideration should be given on how the safety of all vehicles can be mitigated.

With regard to pedestrian access, although there is mention of a Toucan Crossing in the Travel Plan, it is not on the plans. This Toucan Crossing will be even more essential to assist pedestrians crossing the road from the village of Caversfield and from Bicester with the increase in traffic. Provision and funding via S106 should be made for this crossing which needs to be near to the bus stops, north of the Technical Site entrance.

The Council had no comments about the buildings which appeared to be sympathetically designed to fit in with the existing units.

I trust that this is of help to you and the Committee.

Yours sincerely,

Jane Olds