

	Online Comments
Application No	17/03417/OUT
Comments	<p>8th May 2017</p> <p>Development Services Wiltshire Council Monkton Park Chippenham Wiltshire SN15 1ER</p> <p>Dear Mr Burman</p> <p>RE: Planning Application 17/03417/OUT – Land South-East of Junction 17 M4 Motorway, Kington Langley, Chippenham, Wiltshire</p> <p>I wish to make you aware of a number of strong objections that I have with regards to the proposed erection of up to 1,000,000 sq ft of Class B8 (storage and distribution), application number referenced above. Owing to the sheer size of the proposed development, I am of the view that it will have a serious impact on the surrounding area, including the villages of Kington Langley, Draycot Cerne, Sutton Benger and Stanton St Quintin.</p> <p>My specific objections are as follows:</p> <p>Traffic & Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed development will result in severe traffic issues on the B4122, which is not suitable for servicing one of Europe's largest storage and distribution centres. • Due to the location of the proposed site, the opportunities for travel by foot, cycle or public transport is very limited, resulting in the local workforce driving to the site, increasing pressure on local roads. Even with the proposal of a shuttle bus, it is still estimated that 77% of workers will travel by car. • An occupant such as Amazon, would mean a huge seasonal increase in HGV traffic to cope with demand at busy times of the year. • Increased traffic flows through the centre of Kington Langley's conservation area. The amount of traffic on Days Lane, which is a single track lane, would increase significantly and the road is not designed to handle large volumes of traffic. Walkers, school children and riders would be put a serious risk. • It would make sense to build this development in an area where the infrastructure can support it. <p>Employment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chippenham has near full employment and local businesses find it hard to fill vacancies. With the proposed site being located close to M4, it is likely that a large number of the workforce would come from outside the area, with very little benefit to the local economy. • Many of the jobs that will be created would be low paid and probably on zero-hours contracts. • It would make economic sense to build this development in an area of high unemployment where local people and economies would benefit from a development of this magnitude.

	<p>Scale</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visually, a high rise building of this nature (23m high) is not consistent in proportion with the location, and will be seen from higher vantage points like Bremhill. • Whilst recognising the height as a problem, the developers have been unclear how they propose to deal with this. Screening with trees will not solve due to the height of the proposed unit. • It will irreversibly affect the landscape of the surrounding area. <p>Light and Noise Pollution</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The proposed site is located very close to many beautiful Wiltshire villages. I am concerned about the level of noise and light pollution in a very peaceful area. • It is important to protect these areas against intrusion from light pollution, noise, and motion. • The design and access statement is very vague and fails to tackle these important issues for nearby residents. <p>In my opinion, a development of this magnitude will be a blight on the landscape forever, choking our beautiful villages with large volumes of traffic and pollution for very little economic benefit to the area of Chippenham.</p> <p>Yours Sincerely</p> <p>Jane Andersen</p>
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