

	Online Comments
Application No:	18/11052/FUL
	<p>I am a resident of Shrewton. I walk and cycle in Area 8 several times a week. Additionally I am a landscape photographer and frequently photograph in the precise area where the filming will take place. I know this area intimately.</p> <p>I have a number of reservations about this application.</p> <p>The Planning Support Statement has been carelessly compiled with paragraph numbering errors from 5.5 onwards. In my comments below I will refer to the correct paragraph number with the incorrect stated number in brackets after:</p> <p>3.11 The B390 is subject to the national speed limit and frequently sees vehicles travelling at speeds much higher than this. The road is already prone to be muddy and slippery from the regular use of the Plains by off-road vehicles using the tracks for recreation purposes. Many of these vehicles head to the area that is proposed for filming. The huge increase in traffic during the making of the film will make the B390 extremely dangerous. Therefore there should be a tyre wash for every vehicle exiting the tracks onto the B390. The entry/exit point also needs to have traffic control to reduce the risk of serious collision with vehicles already travelling at high speed on the B390.</p> <p>3.12 The proposed access route is already severely eroded with deep ruts and considerable amounts of standing water. There is no detail in the Planning Support Statement as to what mitigations there will be to prevent a significant worsening of the condition of these tracks.</p> <p>3.15 I assume that the vehicle movements relating to cars during filming are daily numbers. This is a very significant amount of traffic and will cause considerable damage. What measures will be in place to stop vehicles diverting from the permitted routes onto neighbouring grassland in order to avoid the worsening conditions of the tracks?</p> <p>3.19 Details required of the alternative routes to be provided for public access.</p> <p>5.6 (5.2) I object to the inference in the Planning Support Statement that there is no requirement to submit a full application and that the proposed usage could go ahead if planning is refused resulting in considerable additional Council resource (and therefore cost). This reads like a threat and is inappropriate.</p> <p>The whole of the section headed Economic Benefit is vague and generic. No thought has been given to the specific benefits to the three villages that will be most severely impacted. In Shrewton, there is one pub (no food), a small cafe with restricted opening, one small restaurant, a general store and a butcher"s shop. Most of the local suppliers listed in 5.18 (5.13) do not exist locally giving weight to the assumption that this is a generic document. It therefore seems an exaggeration that there will be "significant economic and financial impact". At best any positive impact would seem to be minimal.</p> <p>The section headed Impacts Upon Transport Network contradict the claims made about Economic Benefit. This section refers in 5.27 (5.23) to reducing the need to travel from site. How is this consistent with claims that people working on the film will support local pubs, shops, restaurants etc?</p>

	<p>Shrewton already suffers from severe traffic congestion, in particular on the High Street where most local services are situated. There is only roadside parking on the High Street which is used by local residents leaving little space for transitory vehicles. The village shop in particular is already a major congestion point.</p> <p>For much of its length there are no pavements on Shrewton High Street. There are no pavements at all on the B3083 Salisbury Road. Pedestrians and other vulnerable road users must share the road. Where will all the traffic driving from site to use local amenities park?</p> <p>At the same time thousands of army personnel and their families will be relocating to the area from Germany. In addition there is a considerable amount of construction work taking place at local garrisons. All of this contributes extra traffic.</p> <p>Since the filming will be taking place around the Easter school holidays there will be the added pressure of traffic rat-running from the A303 which sees severe congestion during holiday periods as well as most weekends.</p> <p>Potentially an additional 400-500 vehicles per day will, even if only half transit through Shrewton, cause traffic chaos. It will be an intolerable burden on local communities already suffering from overwhelming traffic for much of the time.</p> <p>I can see no consideration in the Planning Support Statement of the impact on the natural environment. This is an area rich in wildlife. It is overflowed by rare birds such as Great Bustard, Hen Harrier and Stone Curlew. It is frequented by Kestrel, Sky Lark, Corn Bunting, Buzzard and Red Kite. What impact will this substantial increase in human activity have on the wildlife? This needs to be carefully assessed.</p> <p>In conclusion, whilst the concept of the filming in our locality is appealing I feel this Planning Support Statement has been carelessly and lazily prepared. It appears too generic in many places with little in the way of tailoring to the unique human and natural environment in which the applicant wishes to operate. I see little hard evidence of positive economic and financial benefit, only considerable disruption to local communities and the environment. Reluctantly therefore I must object until a lot more work is done on the specifics to demonstrate the benefits and manage the damage and disruption.</p>
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