



The Friends of Abingdon
Civic Society

Re application for planning consent:

P13/V1268/O, Land off Radley Road, Abingdon

The Friends of Abingdon Civic Society does not object to this application in principle, but we have some reservations which need to be addressed.

This site is designated Green Belt and therefore careful consideration is required before consent is granted. We are aware that the location of this piece of land is anomalous with respect to the main area of Green Belt to the north of Twelve Acre Drive, and therefore that good arguments can be made for its development. However, this should **not** become a precedent for the development of Green Belt land elsewhere in the Vale. In addition, every effort should be made to replace this loss of Green Belt with equivalent space elsewhere.

The plans provided by the applicants do not show any obvious pedestrian/cycle link to the main Peachcroft estate which does not involve using either Radley Road or Twelve Acre Drive. This should be addressed in the final plans so that there is direct safe access for pedestrians and cyclists to the footpath network within the Peachcroft–Appleford Drive–Mattock Way area.

Finally, the Facilities Plan provided by the applicants shows a shop in Hunter Close and a restaurant in Beagle Close, neither of which exist or have ever existed. Let us hope that the rest of their submission is not as inaccurate.

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