

OAKLEY GREEN, FIFIELD & DISTRICT COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION LIMITED



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Planning  
RBWM

Dear Sirs,

Ref: 22/03374/OUT – Application for film studios in Holyport

On behalf of the residents of Fifield and Oakley Green I wish to object to the development in the strongest possible terms. My reasons are as follows;

- This area is in the Green Belt and there are no “Special circumstances” which can possibly outweigh the considerable harm a development on this scale would cause. It is also on prime agricultural land, which, according to Michael Gove, should be protected for food production.
- Sound stages are the size of aircraft hangers and the visual impact would be devastating in an area of open farmland and clear views. The associated light pollution would also be very harmful to the residents within quite a wide radius.
- There is already an established Film Studio within 2.5miles, so we neither need nor deserve another one.
- Their offer to build a ‘Nature Park’ on what is already open land with footpaths and bridleways is a ludicrous and, frankly, insulting suggestion and overlooks the fact that they will be building over and destroying established footpaths and that Gays Lane, currently a widely used bridlepath cuts through the centre of this proposed development which

would render it totally unsuitable for use by horse-riders and unpleasant for cyclists and walkers who all use this route currently.

- We already have two cricket clubs in this area, one in Holyport and another in Oakley Green, both, to my knowledge, struggle to find members. Why, on earth, do we need another one?
- This development borders the Forest Green Road, which is a narrow, winding rural road with no footways. Where would their proposed new cycle and pedestrian access routes go from and to? This road has a 7.5tonne limit and is totally unsuitable for the type of heavy vehicles used by film companies. A roundabout at the entrance would be the last straw for the row of cottages opposite who would have a roundabout bordering their drives which would make it difficult and dangerous for them to enter and leave their properties. Also, the road would have to be considerably widened to allow a roundabout that would accommodate the turning circle of very large vehicles.
- They appear to have made no traffic plan for the amount of extra traffic that this would generate along with the increased pollution in a rural area.

This proposal is ill-conceived, unnecessary and totally incongruous in a rural setting. I urge you to reject this application.

Yours faithfully,

On behalf of the OGAFCA committee

