

WEST OXFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL
UPLANDS AREA PLANNING SUB-COMMITTEE

Date: 1st June 2021

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Application Number	21/00879/FUL
Site Address	Enstone Airline Hangars Enstone Airfield North Banbury Road Enstone Oxfordshire
Date	28th May 2021
Officer	Kim Smith
Officer Recommendations	Approve
Parish	Enstone Parish Council
Grid Reference	439582 E 226177 N
Committee Date	1st June 2021

Application Details:

Extension of existing aircraft maintenance hangar to form 'lean to' hangar for indoor aircraft maintenance. (Retrospective)

Applicant Details:

Mr Steve Gilbert
Workshop And Premises
Enstone Airfield North
Enstone
OX7 4NP

Additional Representations:

Since writing the report a further 1 representation has been received the comments of which are as follows:

Lack of information submitted with the planning application for example:

The proposal constitutes planning by stealth, there is a long history of unauthorised buildings on the site, including large hangars this has resulted in the intensification of use on the site to the detriment of amenity of local residents who are impacted by noise from the aircraft. The proposals have resulted in pollution in particular noise nuisance which is contrary to policy EH8 (Environmental Protection) in the adopted West Oxfordshire Local Plan (2011-2031). The cumulative impact of the unauthorised developments need to be considered.

There are visual cumulative impacts from the unauthorised buildings which are large in scale, which has resulted in the introduction of too many urbanising features. There is visibility from short and long range views which has an adverse visual impact on visual amenity and impact and the landscape.

The documents submitted with the application refer to a future submission of a planning application for an additional car park suggests potential traffic impacts from the development.

Since writing the reports in respect of 21/00879/FUL and 21/01303/FUL a further representation has been received from ENCON. In a précised form the comments made are as follows:

During Q1 2021, ENCON undertook a postal survey of local residents in Enstone PC, Great & Little Tew PC, Sandford PC and Heythrop PC about local attitudes to the airfield. A significant portion of local residents are concerned about the increase in traffic from Enstone airfield. Most residents are happy for WODC to know their views, so I would be delighted to share them with you so you can see how the airfield is affecting residents.

Furthermore, there is great concern that a significant amount of **unauthorised development** has taken place at the airfield without planning permission. Apparently no action is being taken on this unauthorised development because it is over 4 years old - but it is unclear what steps have been taken to verify this claim. These two retrospective applications are a further example of a pattern of unauthorised development at the airfield. It is a matter of great concern that they are taking place on land in which an Enstone Parish Councillor has a beneficial interest.

The purpose of this email is threefold:

- 1) to make you aware of the strength of feeling locally about the increase in the airfield operations when you determine these planning applications
- 2) to note that ENCON is committed to working constructively with the airfield operators to try and mitigate the issues identified in the survey in a spirit of neighbourliness. We will be writing to the affected parishes and asking if they wish to join ENCON in a collective approach to meeting with the airfield operators.
- 3) to ask for your support, as our elected councillors, for the above mediation effort with the airfield operators please.

Application Number	21/01303/FUL
Site Address	Enstone Flying Club Enstone Airfield North Banbury Road Enstone Chipping Norton Oxfordshire OX7 4NS
Date	28th May 2021
Officer	Kim Smith
Officer Recommendations	Approve
Parish	Enstone Parish Council
Grid Reference	438792 E 226046 N
Committee Date	1st June 2021

Application Details:

Erection of Hangar (Retrospective).

Applicant Details:

Mr Nigel Collins
Court Farm
Lower Lemigton
Moreton-in-Marsh
Glos
GL56 9NP

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Since writing the report a further 4

The number of planes have increased substantially in the last two years which is due to the air clubs subletting to other operators without planning consent. That they have been operating in such a way behind your backs is now proved by this retrospective planning application for hanger storage.

Approved storage means more planes, more noise disturbance, more traffic to the site and increased pollution in an AONB and conservation area. This cannot be what you intend?

The site has grown and grown by stealth over the years, all without approval and specifically contrary to policy EH8 (Environmental Protection) in the adopted West Oxfordshire Local Plan (2011-2031).

The cumulative impact of the unauthorised developments need to be considered as a whole and I would strongly urge you to please refuse this application.

Lack of information submitted with the planning application.

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