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I am writing to support West Oxfordshire District Council in its refusal of planning permission for the Application No. 24/01861/FUL. I have lived for many decades less than a mile from the proposed development, and I am a member of the Little Tew Conservation Group.

My reasons for supporting the refusal of this Application are as follows:

1. The proposed Mansion is very large and the site is high up, overlooking the Dorn valley. It is described by the conservation officer as 'contrived and dominant'. The proposed screening will not significantly change this dominance, and will itself have a negative effect on the visible historic environment.
2. The site is very close to the Little Tew Conservation Area, which is self-contained and has seen little change for over 100 years. The proposal would radically and adversely alter the whole character of Little Tew.
3. Public footpaths cross the area and are much used by local residents and by visitors throughout the year. Views from these paths would be spoiled by this development. This historic landscape is a real asset to the local community, and its loss would be a severe blow.
4. The quality of the proposed architecture is, of course, largely a matter of opinion, but I do agree with the council officers' view that, to paraphrase, 'whilst the proposal might have merit as a stand-alone design, it is not sensitive to the defining characteristics of the Tews. Apart from the choice of some materials, there are no architectural features, detailing or forms that are.....reflective of those seen throughout the villages'.
5. Looking at the matter overall, the applicant's claimed public benefits arising from this proposal are, in reality, nugatory, whilst the damage to the historic environment and to the character of Little Tew would be significant and lasting. The only benefits that would be generated by the proposal are those that would accrue to the applicant.

Regards, John Sword (Chivel Farm, OX7 5TR)

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