

circumstance, for example, Narrow-leaved Bird's-foot Trefoil will therefore become part of a more appropriate meadow management scheme potentially resulting in an enhancement over the existing situation. Not only I this unlikely to succeed if attempted, but it is also unlikely to occur if not mandatory.

Impact on trees

The proposal will result in the total loss of 17 trees: 5 groups of trees and the partial loss of 2 groups of trees.

The Section 41 NERC protected and biodiverse woodland to the south of the development will be adversely affected by pollution, light, noise etc.

Measures to 'deter' access are totally inadequate. Large numbers of people onsite will inevitably lead to overspill into the woodland. The planned deterrent to entering the woodland will be a hedgerow (as yet to be planted), scrub planting and attenuation features. This will be ineffective with 16,000 people onsite.

Two oaks with Tree Protection Orders (TPOs) are planned for removal to allow access. These have bat roosting potential and are protected by TPOs for a reason and should therefore remain.

While the aboricultural report may consider that these TPO'd oaks are not in their prime,

crown and reduce their canopy. They can live on for 100s of years. Reducing the canopy is a strategy to reduce transpirational losses, it does not mean they are in poor condition and about to die.

Drainage and flood risk

Why attempt to build on a site that is susceptible to significant surface water flooding.

In recent wet weather (end of 2023/early 2024) the site has acted as a holding area for vast quantities of water and has absorbed run-off from the Oxford Road during heavy rain.

What will the cumulative effect of the developments in the area have on flooding? This will become more important as climate change progresses. The stadium development will mean that run-off from the Oxford Road has to go elsewhere, and this could result in the road and other local flooding.

In short this proposal is likely opt have major adverse environmental effects on this area, is not a specail circumstance and is not needed in this area. I object strongly to the council proposing it for a minority of Oxfordshire citizens, when the Kassam exists already. History reminds us that Kassam was built to move this pastime away from the city as it was a disaster in Headington on match days.

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