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**To:** Matthew Parry; Planning
**Subject:** Land at Gavray Drive West - 15/00837/OUT

Dear Mr Parry

Further to my e-mail of 21 May 2015 registering my objection to the above proposed development, I would like to make a further representation providing additional reasons why this application should be refused.

In simple terms the submission of an application to develop only part of the site under the control of the applicant is contrary to emerging Policy Bicester 13. That policy seeks to secure an holistic scheme for all of the site – i.e. both Gavray Drive West and Gavray Drive East, not piecemeal development that prejudices the likelihood of the policy aspirations being achieved. Amongst other things, the site-wide policy seeks to secure ‘no net loss’ of biodiversity, in concert with the principles of the NPPF. It recognises that this can only be achieved through the appropriate protection and securing of the assets of high nature conservation value east of the Langford Brook. The current application before you makes no such provision, and given that it will generate additional pressures on those assets, is clearly contrary to the emerging policy. Even taken in isolation, it would result in net loss to biodiversity if the balance of loss versus gain is tested using the Defra ‘biodiversity offsetting’ metrics, a system which I believe Cherwell are considering greater use of in common with neighbouring authorities.

The applicant should be invited to withdraw the application and submit a scheme for the whole of the land between Gavray Drive and the Bicester-Marylebone railway line so that can be properly assessed against the emerging local and incumbent national planning frameworks.

Best regards

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