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Subject: New comments for application 19/01705/OUT

New comments have been received for application 19/01705/OUT at site address: Land Adjoining And West Of Bloxham Recreation Ground South Newington Road Bloxham

from Nicola Quinney

Address:

12 Colesbourne Road, Bloxham, Banbury, OX15 4TB

Comment type:

Objection

Comments:

I am very much opposed to this planning application by the Gladman company for the following reasons:

1) Bloxham has been subject to five new large housing estates in the last decade leaving the facilities of the village stretched beyond limits such as car parking for the shops - I have witnessed chaos on the high street many times and seen people nearly knocked over walking out of the shops by people trying to park in dangerous places. The Primary School is full and soon local children will not be able to get places in their village school. The main road through the village is like trying to cross a busy town road and adding another housing estate is only going to increase traffic.

2) The only access to this site would be onto a bend on the notoriously busy A361 as it approaches the village. The A361 is known for frequent traffic incidents and this new development would put even more pressure on a very busy and often dangerous road.

3) According to Cherwell Local Plan, the area has already covered its quota of new build housing, and this development would be surplus to requirement while there are many other areas in the county that require more housing.

4) The fields in question are a flood plain and are often affected by surface water for much of the winter. I have witnessed people with canoes on the recreation field when flooding has happened. Building on this area could cause flooding to occur in other residential areas of Bloxham.

5) The fields in question are adjacent to The Slade wildlife reserve, and building work and housing would impinge on wildlife and plants in that area. The Slade Nature Reserve is looked after by people in the community and for this tranquil place for wildlife and people alike to be spoilt by yet another development is heartbreaking for the people of this village. With the village growing so large in recent years there is very little recreational space and countryside. This is the space where people come for some open space in a village that has been stretched to its limits. It's an area of calm for children, walkers and nature. A place where you are reminded that you are in the countryside - away from the other overcrowded facilities of the village. These fields are one of the few open views and vistas within the village that the whole community can enjoy when at the recreation ground or walking through the public rights of way.

To lose this natural space will be the last straw for many people in the village and rather than encourage people to the village will drive many away!

Case Officer:

Samantha Taylor