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**Comments:**

As a resident in the village for over 10 years I have witnessed an astonishing increase in traffic congestion. The A361 is a major route, especially for heavy goods vehicles, running as it does through seven different counties. Over the past few years the increase in local housing, combined with increased traffic on the roads in general, has seen long traffic queues at major points in the village. This includes the mini roundabout (very near to the proposed housing) and the village centre near the Coop. Both of these areas are not designed to cope with such large numbers of vehicles, making it very dangerous for residents - especially children - using the crossings and pathways to get to school and the park. Simply adding 30mph signs will not decrease the traffic congestion, in fact I would suggest it will make it worse, with more traffic turning into the A361 from the proposed housing estate.

Infrastructure is a topic that always arises when a new housing estate is proposed. Even though it has been raised for every previous new development no significant contribution has been made to help the local schools, doctors, shops or parks. Families increasingly struggle to get their children into the local schools, more cars park outside the shops (mainly the Coop) causing traffic problems in the village that, at peak times, can stretch from the village centre to the mini roundabout.

We are also seeing a major housing development proposed around a local park where families gather to enjoy the open space or take a peaceful walk along the nature reserve (The Slade). An attempt to get away from the busy roads, suburban streets and enjoy the fresh air. It cannot be stressed enough that local villagers have given-up much of their time contributing to the upkeep of The Slade and ensure it is enjoyed by many families throughout the year. I can't imagine that the local wildlife will cope well with the building of 95 homes next to their habitat.

This leads onto the next issue of flooding. During the past few years, houses on the Tadmarton Road have been flooded due to the streams overflowing that run from that area to the proposed housing site. Building homes on this area would increase the dangerous risk of flooding to both the nature reserve and the existing houses in Bloxham - including the A361 which regularly floods after heavy rain. This makes it increasingly dangerous to drive along.

These are not new points that have been raised here but ones that are repeatedly raised. In most cases they are ignored, to be a problem for the next person to solve. I'm not against new houses being built - especially ones that my children can afford - but any new development needs to be

sympathetic to its local surroundings and the needs and requirements of its residents. This is also the reason why so many villagers contributed to the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan (NDP) which was finalised a little while ago and adopted into the Cherwell Local Plan. A plan that sets out the culmination of years of research into how local residents see the future of their village. A village that they have lived in for many years and enjoyed with their families. A village that they call home.