## We object to this proposed development (19/01705/OUT).

The Developers Ecology Report (Page 14 para 3.2) states "No designated sites of national nature conservation importance are located within 2km of the survey site."

And (para 4.3) states "The undesignated Slade Nature Reserve is located adjacent to the site boundary."

The foregoing ignores the fact that **The Slade Nature Reserve does have a national designation** 



and has been managed as a Nature Reserve for 50 years.

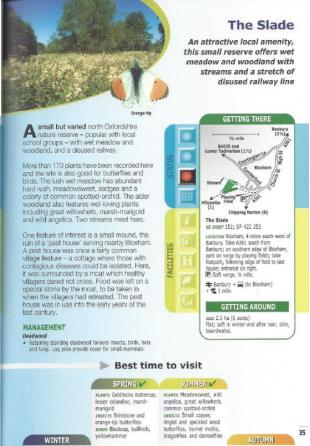
Mont Hirons and Arthur Coles (the land owner) were key to the establishment of the Nature Reserve. Their primary aims were to protect this bio-diverse area and to ensure that future generations had an understanding of the benefits biodiversity delivered to society. They were keen to ensure such messages were cascaded via the state education system.

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The land was purchased by Oxfordshire County Council's Education Department in 1969, and established as a Nature Reserve for the use of schools. The first warden of the Slade Nature Reserve was Mr JF Walton of Deddington School.

In the late 1980's the Slade Nature Reserve was leased to the Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Naturalists' Trust (BBONT). BBONT was subsequently renamed BBOWT (Berkshire, Buckinghamshire and Oxfordshire Wildlife Trust) and the Slade was featured in the Trust's Handbook, which noted the Nature Reserve is "popular with local school groups", and that over 170 higher plants have been recorded here and the site is also exceptionally rich in birds, butterflies and flora.

A local ornithologist Anthony Brownett, in his book:- "Birds of the Slade Nature Reserve Bloxham", published in 1992, confirmed 93 species of birds were resident in the Nature Reserve.



Following the expiry of the BBOWT lease, the Slade Nature Reserve was acquired by Bloxham Parish Council in 2015, and now has a team of volunteers who manage the Nature Reserve headed by a Warden with a direct line of reporting to the Parish Council.

## We note that:-

CDC has a 3 year and 5 year housing land supply and a made BNDP. This application, is contra to the CDC Local Plan Part 1, BNDP BL2 Built Limits, BL9 Traffic, BL12 open views, and is not on a strategic site:- in consequence the application should be rejected.

**However, should CDC consider approving the application** We would expect CDC to condition the creation of a substantially robust buffer between the development site and the Slade Nature Reserve boundary / public Right of way. **The buffer to be completed and signed off by CDC before any other development work is initiated on the site.** 

**David and Jenny Yates**