

**APPLICATION BY GLADMAN DEVELOPMENTS FOR 95 DWELLINGS ON LAND ADJOINING  
AND WEST OF BLOXHAM RECREATION GROUND, SOUTH NEWINGTON ROAD –  
19/01705/OUT**

As a resident of Bloxham, I wish to strongly object to application 19/01705/OUT.

Cherwell Local Plan already has enough proposed housing supply to meet their 5-year need.

Bloxham has a 'made' Neighbourhood Plan which does not include the proposed area of land on the South Newington Road at the rear of the recreation ground which is outside the built-up boundary of the village. It therefore contravenes the Bloxham Neighbourhood Plan.

Approval of this application could set a precedent for further development applications on the opposite side of the A361 or even on the same side.

There have been a number of accidents on the bends close to the proposed single access road from the A361 which will prove a danger with the number of vehicles which will have to use this single access and particularly hazardous when leaving the site.

There is already congestion in the village from the mini roundabout through the A361 Main Road to the shops where there is minimal parking often causing traffic to be at a standstill with lorries delivering to the shops and the crossing in constant use mainly by the public school students. The A361 from Chipping Norton and the unmarked road from Milcombe which joins the A361 into Bloxham both carry a great number of hgv's throughout the working day.

There are concerns with regard to flooding on the recreation ground which is already susceptible to this problem as well as Tadmarton Road area where problems have not been resolved as has been seen by flooding during heavy rain only this week. To build more houses around the area will only exacerbate the problem of flooding and further overload an already overloaded system.

Education and healthcare are of the highest priority. The Primary school is already full to capacity with no room for expansion. Surrounding villages have to use the facilities in Bloxham, such as schools, Doctors/Dentist, Post Office, not having these facilities in their own villages. Consequently any developments in Bloxham affect the surrounding villages.

The Recreation ground and registered Slade Nature Reserve are rural green spaces. Wildlife in the area will be totally disrupted as both these areas plus the green buffer of trees and land which surround it are requisites for the wildlife habitat.

Bloxham is a rural village – not a city as developers would like to believe. We live in a rural village because we appreciate village life, the community, the green land and all that surrounds it. We do not wish this to be taken away. I therefore urge Cherwell District planners to turn down this application.

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