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**Sent:** 09 October 2019 22:10  
**To:** Planning <Planning@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk>  
**Subject:** RE: Planning application : 19/01705/OUT Gladman development in Bloxham

Good evening,  
Many thanks for your email.  
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On 09 October 2019 at 14:08 Planning <[Planning@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk](mailto:Planning@Cherwell-DC.gov.uk)> wrote:

Good Afternoon,

Please could you supply your full postal address so that we can register your comments against the application.

Thank you

Regards

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**From:** LIN MILLS  
**Sent:** 08 October 2019 22:37  
**To:** Samantha Taylor  
**Subject:** Planning application : 19/01705/OUT Gladman development in Bloxham

Dear Ms Taylor,

I write this as a resident of Bloxham of over forty years and living near the recreation ground on the South Newington Road, and in response to the Gladman Development application to develop the adjacent fields with 95 additional houses for the village.

I have a number of great concerns over this proposal.

Firstly the position of these houses is beyond the building line of the Bloxham Neighbourhood plan and the stated number of 95 houses exceeds the policy in the BL1 and BI2 of the plan where only

small developments of less than 5 houses are stipulated. In addition the local Cherwell plan part 1 : Policy villages 2 specifies numbers of houses for large villages such as Bloxham and I believe Cherwell already has plans covering the 750 houses required, therefore this development is unnecessary I would suggest, particularly as developments in Milton Road did not sell well and some were sold back to Cherwell council for social housing.

This end of the village from the Recreation ground has a wonderfully peaceful rural outlook and the wellbeing and mental health benefits this brings to villagers using the play area and walks to Milcombe and the nature reserve should not be underestimated . There is no other part of the village now with this open outlook over the countryside. Should this development be allowed to go ahead the recreation ground would be surrounded by houses and , and be no better than a town park. It also contravenes Cherwells own ESD13. The Slade Nature reserve that my children helped to look after when at the Primary school would also be greatly affected as the field adjacent to this is proposed to be built on, this would destabilise the Slade reserve, a Cherwell Wildlife site, that many of the birds, small mammals, insects and butterflies rely on for foraging . These points would seem contrary to our Neighbourhood plan BL11 and BL12b and the National Planning Policy framework paragraph 174. Also the development in terms of air pollution for the nature reserve with the number of extra cars in the close vicinity would hardly encourage flourishing wildlife.

The building would I fear compromise the drainage on the site that is regularly flooded, with the amount of concrete and hard standing the extra water run off would be more of a problem than at present . After years of flooding problems around the brook through the village it would seem inadvisable to increase the water flow off the land( known to flood ) any further given the bleak prospects of further climate change predictions.

The outlet for this development would become a T junction onto the A361 between the bends as you enter the village from Chipping Norton, just before the new slow sign on the newly surfaced road. The number of accidents along this road over the years has been considerable, only fairly recently the road sign has been demolished and a car went through the hedge in the Recreation ground. This junction, shortly after the junction from Milcombe seems a recipe for disaster, not to mention the volume of traffic already coming through the village at peak times. The South Newington roundabout at the Barford Road is already recognised by the Highways department to be at capacity with no further adaptations or improvements possible, so to allow at least another 100 cars onto the road here would be an irresponsible move and contribute to further congestion through the village.

Finally in addition to the lack of communication infrastructure to support such a development, the primary school has reached its capacity and is no longer able to expand on its site to accommodate extra pupils, which is something that perhaps developer or builders would not be keen to advertise. Therefore children would need to be taken out of the village by car causing further congestion instead of being able to walk to school. Likewise the Warriner secondary school has been at full and over capacity and would be unlikely to accept further numbers of pupils.

To conclude, I strongly object to the Gladman Development proposal as it will be detrimental to sustaining the rural environment , ecosystems and biodiversity this area offers and also the wellbeing of those who use the amenities of the Recreation ground, the Nature reserve and the public footpaths . I trust this will help in your consideration of this proposal.

Kind regards

Lindsay Mills ( Mrs)