

On 2 Oct 2020, at 16:48, [planning@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:planning@cherwell-dc.gov.uk) wrote:

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> Dear Patricia Clissold,

> Thank you for your email making the following comments on application number 20/02469/SCOP:

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> "To be fair to L and Q they have gone the extra mile to preserve what they can, while meeting Policy BIC13 for housing. Most of the ridge and furrow will be preserved as inferred from the L and Q plans. The circular walk cuts through the Ridge and Furrow Field, and the planned playground is where the shadow of the old oaks lie on drier land. The circular walk also takes walkers along the wildflower meadow by the railway. In July there were lots of wildflowers and butterflies, out in the sunshine. Insects and reptiles cannot function in shade. They need sun to heat their bodies up and flowering plants need to utilise the sun's energy to grow. I would like critical maintenance to be carried out in Gavray Meadows directed by an Ecology company. Plant Life states that: \* Early succession habitats such as flower-rich meadows and pasture (lower intensity management every 1-3 years) host most species but occupy the smallest area (1%) and are further threatened by current trends in agricultural intensification and abandonment (e.g. undergrazing, tree planting).\* We, the public, and CDC Planning need to help realise the aims of preserving lowland meadow in Gavray Meadows. It is a small mosaic of fields, hedges and small woodland edges. Since its designation by TVERC, it has lost a lot of its vegetative structure and is rapidly turning into scrub and small oak trees. A few oaks can be preserved to replace the oldest, but the "accomodation field" in the middle with devil's bit scabious needs re-instating. L and Q have put a reasonable plan in place for some scrub clearance obviously in consultation with an ecologist. i shall wait to see how these plans can be progressed to a satisfactory outcome."

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> You also uploaded the following file

> Ridge&Furrow.pdf

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> Your comments have been forwarded onto the planning officer dealing with this application, who will take your views into consideration when determining this application. We are sorry but the planning officer will not be able to respond directly back to you regarding any questions which you may have raised in your correspondence.

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> You can view the progress of this application at

> <https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/Planning/Display/20/02469/SCOP>.

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> Thank you for taking the time and trouble to let us have your views on this planning application.

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> Planning Support Team

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