

# Comment for planning application 20/02469/SCOP

<b>Application Number</b>	20/02469/SCOP
<b>Location</b>	Land On The North East Side Of Gavray Drive Bicester
<b>Proposal</b>	Scoping Opinion - Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of the allocated Gavray Drive site in Bicester
<b>Case Officer</b>	Bernadette Owens
<b>Organisation Name</b>	Beverley Rush
<b>Address</b>	51 Partridge Chase, Bicester, OX26 6XF
<b>Type of Comment</b>	Objection
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>20/02469/SCOP I object to this development. The Wildlife Meadows at Gavray Drive in Bicester form a valuable wildlife corridor that links the green space of Landford Village fields to the wider countryside. There has already been development outside of the Bicester ring road, particularly, the Axis J-9 development to the North West of Bicester, and the proposed Wretchwick development. This spreading of the town beyond the boundary ring road weakens the argument for filling in every remaining area of free space within this boundary. The space itself is rich in wildlife, where I have spotted Buzzards, Heron, Woodpeckers, rabbits and Muntjac deer. The hedgerows are particularly valuable because the East West rail development has already caused the removal of hundreds of metres of hedgerow in the near vicinity of North West Bicester. In addition to the hedgerows there are several mature Oak trees, probably the largest trees that Bicester has. The site as a whole is of historical significance, with clear evidence of ancient ridge and furrow field systems, most of which we have already lost in this country. While it can be accepted that some parts of the site do need sensitive management to preserve their value as wildlife habitats, which they are not receiving at the present time, the proposed development cannot possibly be seen to be of benefit in any way. There would be no real guarantee that any ecological proposals or considerations by the developer would either be carried out properly, or maintained for long enough into the future. This is a valuable space for local people in which to relax and exercise alongside genuine wildlife which can only be viewed as positive.</p>
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