## Comment for planning application 20/02469/SCOP

| Application Number   | 20/02469/SCOP   |  |
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| Location             | Land On The North East Side Of Gavray Drive Bicester  |  |
| Proposal             | Scoping Opinion - Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) of the allocated Gavray Drive site in Bicester  |  |
| Case Officer         | Bernadette Owens  |  |
| Organisation         |   |  |
| Name                 | Marion Beaver   |  |
| Address              | 16 Corncrake Way, Bicester, OX26 6UE  |  |
| Type of Comment      | Objection   |  |
| Туре                 | neighbour   |  |
| Comments             | I recognise the need for housing, and I am not objecting in principle to house building on the agricultural land to the west of Langford Brook. However, this proposal indicates house building within the Target Conservation Area (TCA) next to the Local Wildlife Site. The TCA is an important habitat containing ancient hedgerows, mature trees, rare butterflies and protected species. The area is low lying meadow with high water levels, so any buildings would need to be raised - the construction process itself would irretrievably change, if not destroy, this unique habitat. As a result of the pandemic, we are more aware than ever of the value of Gavray Meadows as a much needed area of biodiversity for nature to thrive, and for people to enjoy, within Bicester's ever expanding suburbs. I would urge for a solution whereby L&Q and CDC can meet housing needs WITHOUT building on the TCA. Once it's gone, it's gone forever. |  |
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| Attachments          |   |  |