

# 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>	Robert Cornford
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<b>Type of Comment</b>	Comment
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>Sections 2.5/ 2.12/5.3 all make reference to raising the land for residential dwellings to clear areas currently subject to surface flooding. I am concerned at the impact this would have on the flood plain water. I am a resident of Launton and we are already expecting diversion of surface water from the proposed Wretchwick Green development into the drainage watercourses that service Launton, where we have recently had substantial flooding following a short period of heavy rain. Raising the housing area will exacerbate the drainage problems downstream in what is already a wetland area. I am also concerned that "Raising the housing area" is seen as an adequate response to the problem of building on areas that flood regularly; the flooding will continue; the question that is not satisfactorily addressed is where this water will go, especially as the raised and built-on area will shed water into the surrounding land. I would like to see the EIA consider the overall impact of surface water drainage in the wider area rather than just in the development area and the downstream Langford Brook. I am also concerned that the drainage from the housing area (part of which is in the CTA - see below) will adversely affect the environment and ecology of the CTA. Generally, I am concerned at the proposal to expand the housing area into the CTA in Launton Meadows. Why should this be allowed as it is contrary to current policy? And if passed it will then become a justification for all subsequent proposals to encroach on CTAs and SSSIs. Finally, I can see no serious consideration of the impact of the development on the local infrastructure (roads, footpaths, cycleways) outside the development area. Specifically I would like to see analysis of the impact of the development on traffic flows through Launton, where the Bicester Road-Blackthorn Road route is currently used as a rat run by traffic trying to avoid the Rodney House roundabout.</p>
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