Address: 18 Turnstone Green,Bicester,OX26 6TT

Comment type: Objection

Comments:

The area proposed for development contains rare wildlife and is used by residents of Bicester, and Langford Village in particular, as a recreational area, especially for the education of children in the value of nature and wildlife not found elsewhere. All 4 of my grandchildren were brought up on visits to this site, which fostered their continued interest in an unspoiled area of natural, green, habitat not duplicated elsewhere in the region. The area contains mature hedgerows and trees, which will be destroyed by any commercial development. This is one of the last areas of natural beauty remaining in Bicester, which has not been subsumed by concrete and asphalt. Destruction of this "green site" will have a detrimental effect on local birdlife, butterflies, newt and other creatures. With so much wildlife heading towards extinction on our planet this planning application will serve to accelerate this process. There was a time, not many years ago, when insects were in abundance in this area, often impacting vehicle windscreens; not any longer, with an adverse effect on the food chain of birds and land based creatures. The local insect population is almost extinct with fewer areas available in which to survive. The Gavray Meadows development will further reduce the local area natural environment. What is left of local wildlife will not thrive well on yet more concrete, brick and asphalt.

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