

Comment for planning application 20/02469/SCOP

Application Number	20/02469/SCOP
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
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Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Firstly, it seems odd that this application seems to have returned for a site that is presently a flood plain area and an area of local wildlife. Nothing in the assessment seems to acknowledge that this area does include newts, birds and muntjac deer as previously noted in other submissions - this seems to be skated over in this application. There are also a number of other disturbing implications: 1. A large area to the west and east of the main area is declared as intended for dwellings - including an area encroaching onto and over the present brook area (to the east side of the west housing area. 2. The middle of this development area is shown to be the 100 year flood plain area with a much smaller flood alleviation area - which also includes the west play area. The play area will probably be under water for a good portion of the year because of this. And the areas of run off and present water holding will be lost to the dwellings area. This does not seem to be acknowledged in the application - since this should increase the scope of the flood area - which over-runs into the dwellings area on the west side. 3. The eastern buildings area is also directly next to the wildlife area - which will not be practical for wildlife since the houses will create too much disturbance for wildlife. 4. The application only claims to preserve any existing scrub, hedgerow etc. where possible. As has been seen in Kingsmere and many of the other developments in Bicester, this is normally ignored immediately on ground preparation and very little existing greenery is kept on such developments. It is difficult to see how this would support the Bicester Garden City agenda - since there is nothing garden city about losing so much green space - even if this is not a flood plain area - which this is. How much water and flood damage will move into the existing housing areas if this goes ahead?</p>
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