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The headline in the Bicester Advertiser yesterday was 'Dismay over Court Flats Plan', to do with the Bicester Magistrates Court building, Waverley House, which is presently up for sale, having been empty since 2016.

There is a plan for the building to be demolished and fifty flats to be built in it's place. A wish for a multi-use venue has also been suggested. This all brings me to my thoughts that almost always, Bicester gets what Bicester does not want.

I have lived from time to time in Bicester since 1982, and permanently since in 1995. All I have seen here is massive housing development, most houses unaffordable. The government seems to give the developers a free hand. Is it really true that a new housing estate only has to contain twenty per cent affordable housing these days?

What I really want to talk about is the proposed development at Home Farm in Caversfield, along the busy and fast moving B1400 road to Banbury. The development is mooted to be in the Parish of Bucknell, but I think, physically, in the Parish of Caversfield.

Five hundred or more houses are proposed to be built opposite the St Laurence Church building, an ancient site which dates back to the 12th Century. My husband and I have been attending services at the church for many decades now.

The proposed development will leave the parishioners nowhere to park their cars. Attending our Christmas Carol Services and our Bat Talk evenings and Wildlife Walks, we have about one hundred visitors. Where to park the cars?

Even after parking our cars in the confines of Home Farm we still have to cross the dangerous B1400 road.

We really need to have a safe pedestrian crossing to the church, if there is to be any car parking provided for us within the proposed new development!

What we also need is for new house building to come to an end in Bicester. Enough is enough!

Yours faithfully
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