Comment for planning application 21/03558/OUT

Application Number	21/03558/OUT	
Location	Land On The North East Side Of Gavray Drive Bicester	
Proposal	OUTLINE - Residential development for up to 250 dwellings including affordable housing and ancillary uses including retained Local Wildlife Site, public open space, play areas, localised land remodelling, compensatory flood storage, structural planting and access.	
Case Officer	Caroline Ford	
Organisation		
Name	Natasha Todd-Burley	
Address	73 Merganser Drive, Bicester, OX26 6XT	
Type of Comment	Objection	
Туре	neighbour	
Comments	I object to the development, specifically the building of houses to the east of Langford Brook. The outline plans show 51 dwellings planned near to the eastern end of Gavray Drive. I regularly walk through this area to access the meadows beyond and have seen a wide range of animals and birds within this part of the site, including a barn owl and muntjac deer. Building in this area will truncate wildlife corridors between the Local Wildlife site and the green infrastructure spaces within the Langford Estate. The area is also valuable in terms of water storage, and is often wet underfoot. Building in this area would therefore require significant ground raising to ensure that properties are above flooding levels, such construction will result in significant disturbance to the to Local Wildlife Site in terms noise, vibration and dust. If the plans are to go ahead to the west of Langford Brook, the scheme should look to incorporate improvements to the Langford Brook, including potential measures such as bank regrading / creation of a two stage channel to diversify the trapezoidal channel and encourage deposition and retention of gravels, and inclusion of woody material to diversify in-channel hydromorphology and habitats. Other improvements for wildlife could include highways for hedgehogs so that they can roam between gardens, planting for pollinators, tree planting of species suited to wet low lying land, ensuring protection of existing hedges and trees, solar panels / green roofs and living walls.	
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