Comment for planning application 21/03558/OUT

Application Number 21/03558/OUT

Location Land On The North East Side Of Gavray Drive Bicester

ProposalOUTLINE - 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.

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Organisation

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Type of Comment

Objection

Type neighbour

There is already substantial flooding for residents in the Langford area. From the Brook and surface water. Adding further development will compound this by removing even more of the existing flood plain. Mitigation may avoid flooding of the new builds- but the issues for existing residents will be compounded. The proposed site is a bog for half the year. All that water has to go somewhere. This is a lovely bit of land that the community has been able to use previously. With public footpaths crossing it. The area is the only truly natural place left in the middle of Bicester and we often used to walk our dogs across the fields before the gates were barbwired shut and the paths became over grown with brambles. Connecting the

centre of Bicester with the farm land and Launton. It will be devastating to see it go. It would be better to plant more trees in the area to protect existing housing from the effects of climate change. And regenerate the area into a place for wildlife and the community.

There are rare few areas like this left and they need to be protected.

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