

# Comment for planning application 22/00747/OUT

Application Number	22/00747/OUT
Location	Land At Bicester Road Kidlington
Proposal	Outline planning application for the development of up to 370 homes, public open space (including play areas and woodland planting), sports pitches and pavilion, drainage and engineering works, with all matters reserved (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) except for vehicular and emergency accesses to Bicester Road.
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Address	Kidlington Parish Council,Area Office,Exeter Hall,Oxford Road,Kidlington,OX5 1AB
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Kidlington Parish Council; objects on the following grounds:</p> <p>1. Transport</p> <p>The impact of all PR7 and PR6 developments on Kidlington and the surrounding villages needs to be considered as a whole. An interconnected plan for the area is required, and all should provide the same level of sustainable transport infrastructure throughout, in a continuous manner which is not provided with this application.</p> <p>The Oxford and (Old)Bicester Roads will no longer be peripheral routes, residents of the new housing will use the services and facilities of Kidlington, Oxford Parkway and Summertown, and there is a need to ensure journeys are safe, and sustainable transport is available wherever possible.</p> <p>These developments have an opportunity to deliver a full package of sustainable transport options given there close proximity to both Oxford Parkway and the transport infrastructure, and the importance of this should not be missed at this significant juncture.</p> <p>As noted by Oxfordshire County Council Senior Transport Planner 06/02/2023: Isolated traffic impact assessments are not adequate. The development sites will likely have significant impacts on the local road network. Further assessment is required to demonstrate how these will be mitigated. Walking and cycling facilities fail to meet the guidance set within LTN1/20 and OCC's Cycling Design Standards.</p> <p>KPC agrees with the comments by Oxford University (Quod), that the transport strategy in these two developments falls short, and should be at least a continuation of that agreed/recommended in PR6, notably, 2m footpath, 2m cycle path, 0.5m separation (ideally between cycle and pedestrians). The proposals in 22/03883 and 22/00747 rely on the existing footpath on the West side of (Old)Bicester Road, which are inadequate, do not meet current guidance, and would require users to cross the road many times to connect with other infrastructure. Cycle and pedestrian paths should be included on the East side of (Old)Bicester Road (within the development), this would provide a continuous route through the area and on into Oxford.</p> <p>Cycle/walking connection to Kidlington relies on the route behind Sainsbury's car park which is inadequate, there is no connection to Cromwell Way, or the Kidlington Bicester Road, which might push residents into vehicles.</p> <p>2. Allocated sites PR7a and PR7b have the opportunity to be exemplar sustainable developments, and good neighbours. However, many sustainable measures have been ignored such as: Incorporation of nesting boxes within building, to maintain and encourage wildlife. Bike, bin and utility buildings to have Green Roofs to help bio-diversity, and mask the impact of buildings. No Dog Bin provision. No noise report/survey has been carried out. A full environmental survey has not been completed.</p>

3. Kidlington Parish Council assumes that the playing pitch provision attached to the development will be designated to meet the joint needs of the four Parish Councils involved in the sites allocated to address Oxford's Unmet Housing Needs 1.e. Pr6a-9, within the framework of the new Cherwell Playing Pitch Strategy, and that appropriate management arrangements will be established and identified to this end-e.g. through such a body as the Kidlington Recreational Trust. The playing field provision occupies only 4ha of this site which was deemed inadequate by Sport England, and currently leaves a large unmet need in the Cherwell Playing Pitch Strategy. Kidlington Parish Council objects to this application as the relevant details are not provided.

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