

OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S RESPONSE TO CONSULTATION ON THE FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENT PROPOSAL

District: Cherwell

Application no: 22/00747/OUT

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.

Location: Land At Bicester Road Kidlington

Response Date: 05/09/2023

This report sets out the officer views of Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) on the above proposal. These are set out by individual service area/technical discipline and include details of any planning conditions or Informatives that should be attached in the event that permission is granted and any obligations to be secured by way of a S106 agreement. Where considered appropriate, an overarching strategic commentary is also included. If the local County Council member has provided comments on the application these are provided as a separate attachment.

Assessment Criteria

Proposal overview and mix /population generation

OCC's response is based on a development as set out in the table below. The development is based on a SHMA mix.

Residential	
1-bed dwellings	45
2-bed dwellings	127
3-bed dwellings	141
4-bed & larger dwellings	57

Based on the completion and occupation of the development as stated above it is estimated that the proposal will generate the population stated below:

Average Population	900.64
Nursery children (number of 2- and 3-year olds entitled to funded places)	24.73
Primary pupils	109.96
Secondary pupils including Sixth Form pupils	85.8
Special School pupils	2.25

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General Information and Advice

Recommendations for approval contrary to OCC objection:

If within this response an OCC officer has raised an objection but the Local Planning Authority are still minded to recommend approval, OCC would be grateful for notification (via planningconsultations@oxfordshire.gov.uk) as to why material consideration outweighs OCC's objections, and to be given an opportunity to make further representations.

Outline applications and contributions

The anticipated number and type of dwellings and/or the floor space may be set by the developer at the time of application which is used to assess necessary mitigation. If not stated in the application, a policy compliant mix will be used. The number and type of dwellings used when assessing S106 planning obligations is set out on the first page of this response.

In the case of outline applications, once the unit mix/floor space is confirmed by reserved matters approval/discharge of condition a matrix (if appropriate) will be applied to establish any increase in contributions payable. A further increase in contributions may result if there is a reserved matters approval changing the unit mix/floor space.

Where a S106/Planning Obligation is required:

- **Index Linked** – in order to maintain the real value of S106 contributions, contributions will be index linked. Base values and the index to be applied are set out in the Schedules to this response.
- **Administration and Monitoring Fee - £500.00**
This is an estimate of the amount required to cover the monitoring and administration associated with the S106 agreement. The final amount will be based on the OCC's scale of fees and will be adjusted to take account of the number of obligations and the complexity of the S106 agreement.
- **OCC Legal Fees** The applicant will be required to pay OCC's legal fees in relation to legal agreements. Please note the fees apply whether a S106 agreement is completed or not.

Security of payment for deferred contributions - Applicants should be aware that an approved bond will be required to secure a payment where a S106 contribution is to be paid post implementation and

- the contribution amounts to 25% or more (including anticipated indexation) of the cost of the project it is towards and that project cost £7.5m or more

- the developer is direct delivering an item of infrastructure costing £7.5m or more
- where aggregate contributions towards bus services exceeds £1m (including anticipated indexation).

A bond will also be required where a developer is direct delivering an item of infrastructure.

The County Infrastructure Funding Team can provide the full policy and advice, on request.

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Strategic Planning

Please find attached an additional response to that previously sent requesting a S106 contribution towards Kidlington library.

These responses have been prepared at this time following a detailed consideration of the impact of all the proposed site developments in the area. A consistent approach is being taken on all the sites allocated in this area.

Officer's Name: Lynette Hughes

Officer's Title: Principal Planner, Strategic Planning

Date: 04/09/2023

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Property – Library Service

Recommendation:

No objection subject to:

S106 contributions as summarised below:

Contribution towards	Amount	Indexation
Towards expanding capacity at Kidlington Library	£27,468	BCIS TPI 349
Towards library stock at Kidlington Library	£12,230	RPIx December 2022
Total	£39,698	

Justification:

Oxfordshire County Council has a statutory duty under the Public Libraries and Museums Act 1964 'to provide a comprehensive and efficient library service for all persons' in the area that want to make use of it, that includes those living, working or studying in the area.

For library facilities, the adopted standard for publicly available library floor space is 23m² per 1,000 head of population, and a further 19.5% space is required for support areas (staff workroom, etc.), totalling 27.5m² per 1,000 head of population. The forecast population for this site is 894 people. Based on this, the area of the library required is 24.6M².

This site is served by Kidlington Library but it is unable to accommodate such expansion. This development will nevertheless place increased pressure on the local library. Instead, to ensure Kidlington Library is able to provide for planned growth north of Oxford this library can be reconfigured with associated refurbishment to expand capacity within the existing footprint. The reconfiguration of the existing layout will be designed to make more efficient use of space by increasing shelving capacity; provide moveable shelving to allow for events and activities and, provide additional study space.

The cost of reconfiguring and refitting Kidlington Library is calculated at £327,000 (BCIS TPI 349).

Based on the Local Plan allocation, this site represents 8.4% of the 'PR' sites (4,400). A proportionate contribution of £27,468 is therefore required.

A contribution towards library stock will also be required based on 1.5 items per resident at a cost of £9.12 per item (RPIx Dec 2022). The expected population forecast for this development is 894 people. The contribution towards library stock is therefore £12,230.

Officer's Name: Mark McCree

Officer's Title: Service Manager Libraries and Heritage

Date: 18/08/2023