

Comment for planning application 23/03231/F

Application Number	23/03231/F
Location	Hawthorn Hart Land Wroxton Lane Horley OX15 6BB
Proposal	Erection of agricultural barn for animal food storage, animal welfare, farm machinery storage and security
Case Officer	Imogen Hopkin
Organisation Name	rachel berger
Address	Gracemead,Wroxton Lane,Horley,Banbury,OX15 6BB
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>My garden leads down to and overlooks this field which is pasture land,a flood plain and an ancient meadow and is included in the local conservation area.</p> <p>I have lived at this property for over 12 years and until this field was purchased a couple of months ago I had the benefit of appreciating this wonderful meadow which was alive and abundant with nature and had a fantastic eco-system. The previous owner was a farmer who owned his own barns and used the pasture in the correct manner by putting his cows in the field for a few months of the year at the correct time so as not to disrupt the wild flowers, bees and wild life.</p> <p>Unfortunately the new owners do not own a farm and therefore have purchased pasture land knowing full well they have no where to keep their animals throughout the winter months etc.. Within 2 months of change of ownership they have already destroyed this delicate eco-system by having regularly 3 vehicles per day driving in and out the field. They have churned up the field so badly that it is now a bog. This field is also a flood plain and with all our wet weather is really only suitable for cows and not for permanently keeping animals on all year round.</p> <p>They have constructed new internal fencing in the field with animal proof wiring so the wild animals can no longer use the tracks they used. I used to regularly have wild animals in my garden which I loved to see and they are no longer present and this includes the otters in the brook and more critically the bees that used to make their natural hives in my garden and feed off the wild flowers.</p> <p>They have already erected a stable for their horses and now they are wanting to construct another new massive barn which is for agricultural equipment and to house farm animals?? Not only are they single handedly turning an ancient meadow full of essential wild flowers and grasses into a farm yard but they also have no respect for the impact this is having on the adjacent residents. When they are in the field which is daily and for hours at a time I am now unable to be in my garden at the same time as they have scant respect for my privacy or for the noise levels that they create. They have dogs which bark continuously which they always bring with them. They are treating this pasture land as if it were they own back garden- having bbq's on it- inviting friends over, music on in their vehicles etc.. If they have little respect for the adjacent residents and the noise levels they create then they clearly will have no problem in housing animals in barns which are incredibly noisy and will also be incredibly smelly particularly during the summer months - and starting to farm this land which is now evident that they want to do.</p> <p>What is so distressing is we are losing so many of our fields locally to development at an astonishing rate, that it is even more essential that pasture land is protected. This field is not suitable for construction. It is not arable land because it is a flood plain so why do they need a barn for agricultural equipment and what is going to happen to this field if they are given permission to construct. If they have caused this much damage to nature in a 2 month period then there is no hope for the future of this delicate eco-system and the wild animals that rely on it. If the barn is constructed there will be more vehicles every day which would require them to build a track or road in the field as they have already churned it up so badly that they can no longer drive onto it.</p> <p>Please Cherwell Council do the right thing and protect this ancient pasture. Understand how important this natural habitat is. There is a reason this is a conservation area SO please conserve it. Do let allow this field to be turned into a farm yard. There will be no wild flowers next Spring.</p> <p>This is a local tragedy. I have attached images of the field now (field 5&4) and of the field as it used to be (field 3&2).</p>
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Attachments

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