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Re Planning application for land behind the Moors Kidlington **OBJECTION.**

The planning application for the above has been in the public domain for sometime I strongly object to this proposal, this is an inappropriate application and I urge for the rejection of this application for the following reasons:

1) Green Belt

Kidlington is reputedly the largest village in Europe , many large housing projects have been completed over the years but the Green Belt has always been protected This beautiful agricultural land has been a sanctuary for many residents for years. It is unspoilt and walks can be taken to the river Cherwell without the interruption of a single building.

The openness is a unique feature with wide uninterrupted skies.

Visitors often comment on the "long haul" of road that is Kidlington. The real village sits on the edge of this beautiful unspoilt land that has been there for centuries.

2) Nature, wild life and conservation

I walk this land daily through every season. I love to take children visitors and friends who are amazed to see wild deer, and the huge variety of birds. This week on an early morning run I heard the cuckoo, Blackbird, wood pecker and geese.

On an afternoon walk I saw Kites, skylark and a crane.

In the evening as the sunset glowed across the land one could witness swallows and owls.

The landscape is a delight of hedges, trees and wild plants.

This environment is unique and so different to the urban sprawl of the rest of the village.

This treasured wild life would be at risk of disappearing if the development went ahead.

3) Kidlington residents Health and Well being.

Between the fields are well trodden rough footpaths. This is because many residents take exercise and time to renew in this special place. Residents walk, run and thrash out the issues in their life through conversations and contemplation . The wild, open environment provides a unique place without the interruptions or distractions of the built up areas in the village.

On an Weekend walk one will encounter many people of different ages, gender and culture. It is open for all and used by all.

All governments stress the importance of physical well being and mental health. These precious fields contribute so much to ensuring this is possible to the people of Kidlington, this will be lost if the development goes ahead.

4) Existing developments.

There are already some 5,000 homes planned for development in Kidlington. I have raised no objection to them as I recognise the importance of good homes being available in the village. They account for several key areas of the village pushing the boundaries to the A34, Railway lines and reaching towards Yarnton.

The land behind the Moors will be even more important to balance the needs of the village with recreation and relaxation and sanctuary. Enough is enough.

5) Infrastructure.

Kidlington has long suffered with considerable through traffic and the roads that link one development with another. The Moors is used by many as a short cut to the High Street, The upper end has many parked cars as there is insufficient parking for Moorside Place and Homewell House and other developments. The road has several curves making negotiating pulling out of a side road difficult. As a resident of St. Mary's Close I have to consider cars on the wrong side of the road as I pull out as a cyclist or car user.

All the junctions from the High Street , Benmead Road to the end of the Moors, are difficult to use because of the volume of traffic. The roads won't be safe with more users.

6) Sewage and water supply

As a resident of St. Mary's Close I am only too aware of the issues with the drainage and sewage in the area. Over the last ten years Thames Water have closed The Moors for essential maintenance and repairs several times.

In our own road we have for the last 12 months suffered daily twice visits from Thames Water while they pump out the drains, there is still no resolve and it is inconvenient and unpleasant having our drives blocked, the noise and disturbance of the huge vehicles right outside our home at antisocial hours.

How will any new development have these services dealt with when the system is already exhausted?

7) Flooding

As a frequent user of the fields I am very aware of the water table, many of the fields and paths are under water at anytime of the year. These ancient meadows are almost at the same level as the river Cherwell and the river often floods and any excess water floods the fields for weeks at a time. The owners of the houses on the Moors often have "soggy" gardens as the drains can't cope with excess water.

How on earth can the area cope with another 300+ homes? The poor residents that move into these homes will have massive issues with flooding. Whom do I then say " I TOLD YOU SO" to ?

8) Access

The two proposed access roads will be very difficult to use. The beautiful natural pond opposite Benmead junction will be lost and the users of the road will be in competition with the residents who already struggle to navigate access to and from their homes.

It is so unfair to create another opening further along the Moors for the residents of The Moors.

9) Impact

The development of two and three storey will have an adverse impact on the views from any footpaths left for people to use. The "sweetener" of a cricket pavilion are no compensation. Oxford United Football Club are offering sports opportunities in their plans in the Kidlington triangle. The users of this facility would add extra traffic to the area. No one has asked for this, there are several very good sports fields in the village. Who will pay to maintain this facility?

The extra residents will put a huge strain on all the community, Doctors surgeries, Schools, shops, Dentists and public transport. The nearest bus stop would be a considerable walk to the High Street or Mill Street.