

# **Objection to Planning Application for Housing Development Behind The Moors, Kidlington**

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Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to formally object to the planning application for the proposed housing development on the fields located behind The Moors in Kidlington.

This area is a vital part of our local environment and community, and the development poses serious concerns across several key areas:

## **1. Loss and Impact on Wildlife**

The fields in question are home to a diverse range of wildlife, including birds, small mammals, and insects, which depend on this green corridor for habitat and migration. The proposed development would lead to the destruction of this natural habitat, with potentially irreversible consequences for local biodiversity. Once such spaces are lost to development, they cannot be easily restored, and the cumulative impact on ecosystems must not be underestimated.

## **2. Impact on Mental Health and Community Wellbeing**

The open fields serve as a crucial green space for local residents, offering a place for walking, running, dog-walking, and general exercise. These activities are essential not just for physical health but also for mental wellbeing, especially in an age where urban living is increasingly linked to stress and anxiety. The loss of this natural area would significantly reduce the quality of life for residents who rely on this space for daily respite and recreation.

## **3. Flooding and Drainage Concerns**

The fields currently provide important natural drainage, soaking up excess rainwater and reducing the risk of flooding. Building over this land would dramatically increase surface runoff, placing existing drainage systems under strain and raising the likelihood of localised flooding. This is particularly concerning given the already frequent issues with drainage in parts of Kidlington and surrounding areas.

## **4. Increased Traffic and Road Safety Risks**

The addition of a significant number of new homes would undoubtedly increase traffic volume on local roads, particularly along The Moors and adjacent routes. This is of major concern due to the proximity of local primary schools, where increased traffic heightens the

risk of accidents and endangers children walking or cycling to school. Congestion during school drop-off and pick-up times is already an issue and would be exacerbated by the proposed development.

### **Conclusion**

While the need for housing is acknowledged, this must be balanced with the need to protect our environment, health, and community infrastructure. The location proposed is unsuitable for development due to its ecological value, its importance for community wellbeing, and the risks it presents in terms of traffic and flooding.

I respectfully urge the planning authority to reject this application in the interest of preserving Kidlington's green spaces, safeguarding our wildlife, and ensuring the safety and wellbeing of local residents.

Yours faithfully,

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