

Comment for planning application 25/01346/OUT

Application Number	25/01346/OUT
Location	Part OS Parcel 0006 North Of The Moors Kidlington
Proposal	Outline planning application with All Matters Reserved (except means of access) for up to 340 dwellings (Use Class C3), land for local community use and pavilion, landscaping, public open space and associated infrastructure, including demolition of 162 The Moors to enable all modes access
Case Officer	Carlos Chikwamba
Organisation Name	James Walker
Address	24 The Moors, Kidlington, OX5 2AJ
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Flooding, sewage, traffic, infrastructure and loss of well used nature walks - I don't know where to start.</p> <p>I object on the grounds that the site is not suitable to develop housing. The area of the surrounding site was extensively flooded in 2024 and the run off remained lying in these fields for months. There is also serious concern about the floodwater itself which is allegedly likely to be from the local foul water drainage system being overwhelmed. These drains are the proposed connections for the new development and are currently totally over stretched due to their age and capacity.</p> <p>Not only are the existing footpaths used extensively by people for walking dogs and other personal recreational purposes but the fields are alive with deer and other wildlife throughout the year and in winter where fields underwater restrict their grazing from the flooded Cherwell and runoff from Kidlington.</p> <p>Allowing development for housing would increase vehicles substantially to an area which already requires speed bumps as traffic calming for the amount of disabled, elderly and children in the area. Further traffic for this scale of housing -500/1000 trips a day from these 340 3/4 bed houses daily - would increase the traffic dramatically on what already can be a dangerous road (the Moors) where countless minor incidents occur weekly including damage to parked cars and near misses with mobility vehicles from local residential homes.</p> <p>Walking in this area brings joy and wellbeing to countless people who are unable to access the open countryside elsewhere- planners should visit and take time to absorb the place and realise what is a stake - what can be lost and can never again be reinstated.</p> <p>Global warming is undoubtedly happening as we write and the flooding situation arising from this and the removal of community used fields - which also retains much needed arable land for food security - will reduce the sustainability of these homes - should they ever be built. We have to end a situation where council and planners fail to take a long term view and concrete over the lungs of our country. It is useless and dangerous to ignore that retaking Green Belt land for other purposes has many ongoing negative implications. Areas like the Land behind the Moors are precious and should be protected for the future of generations to come.</p>
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