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Subject: Fw: Objection to application to build 340 houses on land behind the Moors, Kidlington

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Application number 25/01346/OUT

Dear Planning at Cherwell District Council,

I am writing to object most strongly to the recent application by Bloombridge developers to build 340 houses on the land behind the Moors in Kidlington.

1. The land consists of five fields, all of which are used for agriculture and are under the plough every year, producing cereal crops. In the increasingly dangerous world we live in, the security of food production is of prime importance. We can no longer take for granted the certain importation of food from abroad and must at all costs preserve our agricultural land for vital food production.
2. The 340 houses proposed on this site will inevitably increase traffic problems in the Moors road. Even at the moment there can be traffic congestion on the road, particularly in the area around the junction with Benmead road. The existing road is simply too narrow to cope with perhaps several hundred more cars trying to use the road at peak times in the early morning and late afternoon. It cannot be widened without destroying pavements and endangering pedestrians.
3. In the winter, the fields nearest the road are prone to flooding. A hundred or so new houses in this area will lead to flooding problems for the existing houses on the Moors.
4. The footpaths along the sides of the fields are a valuable and provide a much loved peaceful area for walkers. They provide a sense of space and calm appreciated by all those who walk there and there are many local people who do, women as well as men. The fields prove a large open green space which we particularly enjoy and often walk. Cricketing pitches for the few are not a comparable alternative.
5. Kidlington is targeted for 4,400 new houses under new plans. Another 340 houses destroying irreplaceable greenbelt land seems like quite superfluous vandalism.

Yours,

Hilary Maddicott