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From John Morris; re application 25/01346/OUT; 57 The Moors, OX5 2AQ

To: Planning at Cherwell District Council, I wish to object in the strongest terms to the plan to take over most of the 5 fields behind the Moors, Kidlington for a development involving many houses. My objections are based mainly on the following points:

- The fields on which it proposed to build are already a much used and valued amenity for the local area, for which it is the only easily accessible area of fields continually used by wildlife which we are encouraged nationally to preserve.
- The creation of so many houses on the site would make the flooding of recent years, which we have observed at first hand, much worse, and it is quite unclear what the consequences of building over the pond - which appears to be fed seasonally by a spring - would be.
- The Moors already has, for many years, needed traffic humps to calm traffic flow; the addition of so many more houses, with no exits except those onto the Moors, from the proposed site would make matters very much worse, creating hazards particularly for residents of the care-homes and sheltered accommodation along the road.
- We are constantly being reminded nationally of the need to preserve the local environment and the dramatic decline of many native bird species; the development would seriously this and the St Mary's field project which many local people have worked hard to preserve. There has, to judge from the local press, been no serious request for two new cricket pitches, which appear to have been added as an afterthought.
- Finally, all people in Kidlington who use the local health service are very aware of the present difficulty of getting timely appointments, and the extent to which the existing practices are overstretched. The addition of yet another 340 houses, on what is designated greenbelt land, to the more than 4000 new homes already planned for Kidlington, is surely unnecessary and would be profoundly damaging to the local environment for all Kidlington's residents.

Yours faithfully,

(Dr) John Morris