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Good afternoon

My name is Mr Grahame Wareham and I live at 32 Mill Street Kidlington OX52EF

I have lived in Kidlington since 1955 and was educated at schools here. I briefly moved away to Wootton and then back to Yarnton with my parents but from 1986 have been a householder in my own right in Kidlington.

I live with my wife, daughter and son who all work locally or in Oxford but I am now retired after a career in public transport locally.

I like Kidlington but do not like what is happening to some of the long established properties that are being turned into multi-occupancy dwellings , especially where the existing plot is on the same footprint.

I wish to voice my objection to the proposed application to build 340 houses along The Moors in Kidlington under the application number 25/01346/OUT

My reasons are as follows:-

1). Why is Green Belt Land being sacrificed when Brownfield sites are available. What about the proposed Eco- Village at Bunkers Hill, the Old Cement Works? There are already plans for 4400 homes with the Kidlington plans so why this rather late and dubious application?

2). The Moors consists of premium dwelling where a lot of established residents have set up home on the north side where they can enjoy the views and surroundings of green fields and nature. Many of the current residents are elderly or retired and at present enjoy the relative light traffic movements afforded by the presence of speed control humps which minimise a greater flow of traffic. There is also a lot of on road parking between Benmead Road and St.Mary's Close which is going to back-up causing congestion. Existing residents should have the right to protect their investments and any de-valuation in this because of profiteering by the proposed developer should be compensated for.

3). The fields behind the Moor are notorious for holding water, ask any resident along the north side of the Moors who's long gardens back on to the proposed site. Where is the surplus water from the run-off of these proposed dwellings and access roads going to end up? Increased flooding at Mill End no doubt!

4). In order to access the new proposed build scheme most traffic will find its way along Benmead Road to avoid the speed humps and thus congest an already busy thoroughfare which houses North Kidlington Primary School and its many young pupils. I have watched occasionally as parents park along Benmead Road indiscriminately to pick their children up often

compromising the very children they are picking up! The potential increase in traffic along this route is going to cause congestion and unfortunately accidents.

5). As the nature of habit will encourage people to use the shortest route to the major roads around Kidlington, then this development will undoubtedly see an increase in traffic along Mill Street, Evans Lane and Bicester Road which is already very heavily used especially at school times. Coupled with that the 20mph speed restrictions are, not in the majority of cases, being adhered to and some of the speed humps are totally ineffective because of the lack of highway maintenance in this area. The introduction of EV Buses along routes 2 & 2A in Kidlington is starting to have an adverse effect on the highway as these buses are somewhat 25% heavier because of the deadweight of onboard equipment which has increased the rear axle weight to very near the maximum permissible for the design of vehicle. Now as you probably know the Moors does not at present have a regular service bus route, since 2005, apart from emergency diversions, but with the advent of 340 dwellings and difficulty in parking and access I can see the potential for the current bus operator to re-route the current 2/2A service to maximise their profits. The weight of these buses is already having an effect on my property in Mill Street where the foundations of my house, and my neighbours, shake with the movement of 14000 kilos + over the speed humps together with the subsequent damage inflicted on the road surface into the bargain.

*(I have reported and requested the removal of the adjacent speed hump to my property to local Kidlington councillors and the Oxfordshire CC Highways department and have not received the courtesy of a reply, even though I have suggested alternatives and/or a meeting).* I would imagine that with houses being nearer the narrower road of The Moors, the increase in traffic and possible bus route is going to have a similar effect.

More importantly with the potential of 1000 or more people increasing North Kidlington's already busy infrastructure, has any provision been made for Doctors Surgery, Additional School Places, Police Station, Petrol/Charging Stations.

To the ever faithful Kidlington rate/council tax payer We have seen our services decline such as gully emptying, verge cutting, tree cutting where branches are overhanging roads, footpath clearing of leaves, general footpath maintenance and finally POT HOLES ! All these new proposals to increase housing in the village is just going to increase the burden.....so sorry NO not in favour of any more properties in Kidlington!