

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	Ben Crone
Address	4 Maple Court, Kidlington, OX5 1HL
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I would like to STRONGLY object to this application to build houses on Kidlington's precious GREEN BELT LAND!</p> <p>I grew up in Benmead Road and still reside in Kidlington. Much of my childhood was spent with my family in the fields at the bottom of our road. The last proper open space Kidlington has left and used by 100's of people every week. The iconic view of the historic St Mary's Church would be lost forever if housing was built.</p> <p>The fields flood terribly during spring, autumn and winter with surface water driving the wildlife to the upper fields for survival. Actually the fields where the proposed cricket pitches are would be going and the pond at the bottom of Benmead Road also flood. The pond is a natural drainage point helping to prevent flooding to the houses in Mill Street, however the footpath that leads past the pond into the field is still impassable during the wet season. Building a roundabout here would most certainly lead to more floods in Mill Street.</p> <p>Building a roundabout at the bottom of Benmead Road would, in my opinion cause severe harm. There is a care home on Mill Street and a primary school at the top of Benmead Road. Both children and our elderly would be put at risk. The parking near North Kidlington school is already dangerous and adding 600+ cars to the situation would cause severe congestion getting out onto Banbury Road. Building a new estate leading out onto minor residential roads is absolute madness.</p> <p>Kidlington is already destined for approximately 5000 new dwellings. Sacrificing our last green space for 340 more houses makes no sense at all. Myself and my dad are runners and we run in these fields 2 to 3 times a week, as do many other people. It is crucial for peoples mental health to be able to get away from the traffic and noise from everyday life and run in the countryside. My family meet twice a day with the dogs to walk around St Marys fields too. If we were to lose this much loved asset it would mean 3 families taking to their cars twice a day to walk the dogs not great for the environment.</p> <p>Now the football stadium is going to The Triangle there is no need to move the cricket pitches from Stratfield Brake at all. Cricket is not a hugely popular sport and destroying the view of St Marys Church for a cricket pitch and pavilion makes no sense whatsoever.</p> <p>Infrastructure where is the plan for infrastructure? The schools are almost full, no Dentist is taking NHS patients anymore in Kidlington and the doctors are struggling to cope with the patients they have already. I wanted to make a telephone appointment at the doctor recently and I phoned at 8 am as instructed and I was number 33 in the queue! They can't cope now!</p> <p>My family are keen wildlife lovers and it needs to be noted that we have a huge number of birds that either live or feed on this land that are on the RSPB'S red list. threatened with global extinction! I don't believe the survey done is extensive enough and I don't believe the survey done on bats is extensive enough. We have seen or heard a number of birds that are massively in decline and we cannot keep destroying their habitat as that is the highest threat to our birds. We have heard/seen - Bullfinch, Goldcrest, Willow Warbler, Siskin, Reed Bunting, Firecrest, Sedge Warbler,</p>

Greenfinch and so many others that are on the Red List!

There is a much bigger picture here, we are slowly destroying our ecosystem. We must protect pockets of open land to protect our species and ecosystem.

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