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Dear Cherwell District Council

I would like to strongly object to the planning application by Bloombridge to build on the land behind the Moors (ref: 25/01346/OUT).

This area is cultivated farm land within the Green Belt and should not be encroached upon. I have regularly walked across this area for more than 50 years. It is a highly valued local amenity for residents to exercise and enjoy the countryside. I would like to stress that this land should be designated as a Local Green Space and retained for unimpeded use by the whole community. It is close to a conservation area and nature reserve and supports a large variety of wildlife. This includes deer, rabbits, foxes, badgers, bats and rare birds such as skylarks. The pond opposite Benmead Road (due to be obliterated in the proposed development) is also the home of newts and other amphibians.

I strongly feel that the environmental impact of climate change should be considered in respect of this application. At least part of the site is within Flood Risk Zone 2 and is prone to flooding so would be unsuitable for housing and other development. This would also result in an increased risk of flooding for existing houses in the area. The present system for disposing of sewage and waste water is already overwhelmed and the prospect of the 4400 houses already proposed in the areas is likely to break it completely. Even more houses on the land behind The Moors is unthinkable and would add to the further pollution of the river system.

The proposed development includes a pavilion for cricket which will also be used for Social Space and Community Use. This will have a high impact on local residents and the setting, ambience and peace of St Mary's Church. This is a very important ecclesiastical building which will be greatly affected by the noise and light pollution generated by the use of the pavilion. The site also gives a much valued view of the spire of St Mary's church from across the fields.

The Moors, which is the access road for the two proposed entrances into the housing development, is totally unsuitable to support further traffic. It is a narrow, road with many speed humps and traffic flow is already very impaired by parked vehicles and delivery vans. The proposed sports and social facilities generated by the cricket pitch and pavilion would add to the totally unacceptable volume of traffic. The proposed roundabout at the junction of Benmead Road and The Moors is both unsuitable and a potential health and safety hazard, highlighted by it being an access route to Benmead Primary School. I

presume this would be the intake school for any children living on the proposed housing development.

This proposal will put a huge strain on the existing medical, pharmaceutical and educational facilities in Kidlington. We have already lost two pharmacies and the medical practices are under huge pressure to recruit and retain existing staff. Even if additional staff could be recruited there is little/no room to extend the existing buildings.

I strongly feel that this outline planning application should be refused.

Yours faithfully

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