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Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 11:12 PM on 03 Jul 2019 from Mr Ben Gray.

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| **Application Summary** | |
| **Address:** | Land North East Of Oxford Road West Of Oxford Canal And East Of Bankside Banbury |
| **Proposal:** | Outline planning application for a residential development of up to 850 dwellings; green infrastructure including formal (playing fields with changing rooms, allotments) and informal open space, landscaping; and associated infrastructure including a balancing pond; on land off the A4260, with access off the existing Longford Park access off the A4260 (Oxford Road), and a new access off the A4260 (Banbury Road). All matters of detail reserved, save for access. |
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| **Comments Details** | |
| **Commenter Type:** | Neighbour |
| **Stance:** | Customer objects to the Planning Application |
| **Reasons for comment:** |  |
| **Comments:** | I've lived on Longford Park for five years purchasing my house off-plan specifically as it was on the edge of the estate development. This new proposal will place my home in the middle of the estate therefore removing one of the main reasons for living here. Even if I wanted to purchase one of the new proposed homes on the outer-edge, will Longford Park continuously be expanded until Banbury joins with Adderbury?  Phase 1 of Longford Park still has areas that are unfinished, poorly maintained or being redeveloped. With the addition of Phases 2, 3 & 4 and this proposed Phase 5 there appears to be no plans to complete any of these phases and instead Longford Park and it's community are expected to perpetually live on a building site which they are expected to partially fund through maintenance fees. This is not acceptable.  The extent of development in Banbury at each outer edge is not sustainable without investment and development of infrastructure. At each of these new developments there are empty properties for sale; this is in direct contradiction to the argument there is demand for more properties. If there was such a huge demand, then there would not be such a volume of constant empty properties in and around Banbury.  The Horton Hospital is under threat of closure and resources there are over stretched and underfunded. With all the new developments around Banbury it's not feasible the Horton will be able to continue to cope with such a rapid growth in the populous. Existing GP surgeries are also struggling to cope and it's increasingly difficult to get an appointment as it is.  Rush hour traffic through the centre of Banbury is already struggling to cope as the roads were never designed to manage such a large amount of traffic. It's not sustainable to keep adding more homes without changing this vital part of infrastructure. By-passes with direct links to the M40 and more investment in more eco-friendly transport solutions (buses, cycle lanes, etc) need to be considered and funded by housing developers as part of their plans and not left to the council/government to sort out the mess that they are creating.  Specifically on Longford Park, there are no amenities to support the local community. A playing field in Phase 3 with changing facilities, a community centre in Phase 1 and parkland between Phase 3 and 4 all exist but are all yet to be open to the public. With the exception of the primary school there has been nothing developed to serve the community in five years of construction. The community does not need a football club or more playing fields, especially one's they cannot use. What would be good is a doctors surgery, a shop(s), restaurant, café or a pub/bar that could be a hub for the community.  Longford Park main roads (Longford Park Road specifically as this will bear 50% of the new traffic) trunk roads and parking amenities have been poorly designed (possibly in order to maximise space for housing) and can barely cope with traffic in it's current volumes, let alone an influx of a further 850 homes and associated construction and new residents traffic.  The fact I have only "stumbled" on this proposal will mean there are many more residents of Longford Park, Bodicote and Banbury that are not aware of these plans and the fact it's not more openly being discussed raises suspicions it is being kept quiet for a reason. Longford Park is a community that needs time and more resources to merge with Banbury. It does not need to be a constant unfinished building site. |