

# Comment for planning application 19/01047/OUT

<b>Application Number</b>	19/01047/OUT
<b>Location</b>	Land North East Of Oxford Road West Of Oxford Canal And East Of Bankside Banbury
<b>Proposal</b>	Outline planning application for a residential development of up to 825 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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<b>Type of Comment</b>	Objection
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>I am strongly objecting to this proposal because I do not believe the best interests of this town have been considered. These developments will have a knock on effect for generations. This area - Bodicote / Banbury - is now overpopulated. Bicester has always been flagged as a town for population growth, and as such the town has had a lot of investment by way of town planning, roads, education. While Banbury has not had these considerations, and overdevelopment has been pushed through at a whiplash rate. Our green spaces have been swollen up, school places are less than the demand, roads are clogged and damaged, health care and treatment is at breaking point and there is only one way in to Banbury through the town centre. Areas of consideration that concern me and brought me to my conclusion: *</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>* Despite the marketing, these houses are not affordable. When we bought 7 years ago, houses that were smaller than our home were selling for 100,000 more. Those people who bought those new builds still don't have proper roads to drive on, and their plots and gardens are smaller.</li><li>* Lack of town planning to accommodate the 1000s of new residents coming to the area is non-existent. The existing infrastructure is not sufficient for the existing finished phases of developments. Most still don't have access to the facilities 'built for them' or properly completed roads. The additional 850 homes entering and exiting through one access point is stupid. These developers don't live here, and have no concern for the chaos and destruction they create. Their only concern is their back pocket. Oxford Road can not cope with its one lane (per direction) with the volume of traffic it already has, and this is without an additional 850 homes from Longford park, plus David Wilsons 280+ houses. Note: I am assuming they are not connecting these to the development at the top of Bloxham road / Saltway; if they do God help us.</li><li>* lack of health care facilities including the shutting down of vital services at the Horton, but also the GP surgeries. My local surgery has something like 17,000+ patients on their books, and other surgeries have been closed down/merged due to staffing shortages.</li><li>* The environmental impact including car pollution and desperate need for road maintenance. In the last seven years developments on this side of town have included Longford Park (Oxford road side and now Bankside), Cotefield, The Pavillion (280+ houses and their 500+ cars) and the former Bodicote Flyover farm (46 houses and their 90+ cars). It is rare that a household these days has one car or less, and once residents have children the situation becomes more dire. I believe David Wilson homes were talking about bike lanes, but what happens when people get out of that development? Plus people need to buy and own bikes which need storage but the developments don't give people hardly any space.</li><li>* The environmental impact on nature: we have seen a decline in the bird life coming into our gardens, and an increase in other wildlife (if foxes) entering our gardens because their homes are being destroyed.</li><li>* These developments have swallowed up Bodicote village, and turned it into a suburb of Banbury without any thought for its residents, their village history or safety. The anti social behaviour has hit the village hard with at least one gang tagging locally, and youths walking hanging out on peoples fences etc. It will only get worse. I also don't understand why these developments are allowed to market their homes based on the location of Bodicote when that's inaccurate.</li><li>* The area has been over developed without any adjustments to the infrastructure or thought for the future. During peak times Banbury hits a gridlock, there is only one way into the town, and Banbury is used by many people to get to their village (Bloxham, Broughton, Wroxton etc). Longford park has brought an overwhelming amount of road chaos to the area along Oxford road, and Bankside. This will be made worse now that</li></ul>

you have approved and work is starting on two more developments in the area at the former Bodicote flyover farm (46 houses = min 90+ cars), and the land near Kingsfield (The Pavillion development). David Wilson homes are marketing that The Pavillion is 'just 4 miles to J11 of the M40'. They have avoided stating how long that 4 miles will take drivers. Without any traffic on the roads you are looking at 15mins (if you hit all green traffic). They are also misleading people because the development is not part of Bodicote. The village did not want the development, and tried to fight against it. Selling access to a village 'high street' is a laugh, and the new road is a nightmare for everyone especially during school drop off/pick up at Bishop loveday with parents parking dangerously and restricting local traffic. God help up once these 250+ houses and the 500+ cars they bring with them arrive.

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