

Dear Councillors

We, the Resident Owners of Hawkes Close [REDACTED], are writing to express our vehement objections to the proposal to develop a housing estate on Bayswater Farm Field.

We, therefore, make the following points:

- The suggestion that Hawkes Close becomes an entrance/an exit to the proposed housing estate is not only totally unacceptable but absurd. Hawkes Close is a narrow private road (which is financially maintained by the Hawkes Close residents in terms of road surface, drainage and street lighting and has been furnished with private road signs done by South Oxfordshire District Council) and links to the T Junction to a very narrow Bayswater Farm Road where it is impossible for two cars to pass to go in opposite directions. The resultant heavy traffic post the completion of this proposed estate would be more than just a nuisance, it would make Hawkes Close and Bayswater Farm Road extremely dangerous: this stretch of Bayswater Farm Road at the bottom of Hawkes Close is very narrow and is frequently used by pedestrians as there is no footpath or room for a footpath. Also, the road is crossed daily during term time by many children with parents from Barton walking along the bridle path to and from school on Sandhills.

Moreover, Hawkes Close is on a steep hill. It has been measured at approximately 7% or 4 degree slope. When covered in snow or ice it is highly dangerous in terms of road traffic. Cars could easily skid down towards the T Junction and at best smash the fence or worse crash uncontrollably into a car or kill a pedestrian. It would be therefore be grossly deficient of any planning organisation not to take this into account.

Hawkes Close is a quiet pollution free private residential road and cul de sac enjoyed by all the residents.

For this to be compromised by the proposal would be wholly iniquitous.

We therefore conclude, in terms of Hawkes Close, the proposal to build on Bayswater Farm Field is absolutely intolerable and should be removed from the Local Plan.

- Environment: natural habitats and wildlife will be destroyed and the concreting of the field will not only result in lost carbon capture and also the loss of species that live in the field and woods and the protected Bayswater Brook.
Urbanisation, traffic noise, light pollution and footfall close to this woodland will have a devastating affect and natural beauty.
- We agree that there will be major disruption to Sandhills by greatly increased car traffic and HGVs entering the residential streets that will endanger residents especially school children-this is unacceptable.

- We also agree that the desecration of the nearby green space and bridle path for walking and relaxation along with increased noise and pollution will affect both physical and mental health and destroy the wellbeing that this beautiful green area provides.

Resident owners

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