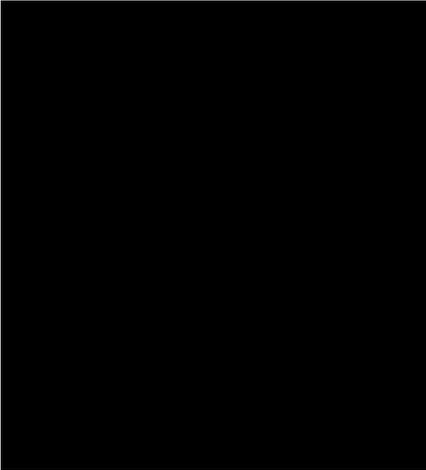


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MM17 POLICY STRAT 13 para 3 (ix) p. 72 & par 4.11 p. 69

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Both the above policies refer to the Sydlings Copse and College Pond SSSI with concern for the conservation of their biodiversity. If an allotment site were located adjacent to the SSSI this would give an extremely rich and biodiverse buffer zone to the SSSI. According to Plantlife, allotments are the most biodiverse sites (with plants, insects, birds, amphibians and reptiles, spiders, diptera, even mammals such as badgers, deer, mice and voles) apart from SSSIs and SACs. Their year-round cultivation ensures pollen and nectar are readily available at all seasons. They are often the final repository for local flora, especially farmyard weeds which are verging on extinction owing to commercial farming practices. Nest sites for bumble bees and wasps, the food for scavenging mammals (which may or may not be popular with plotters!) and compost heaps and ponds as hibernacula and breeding sites are other benefits to wildlife. The generally wildlife-tolerant and organic/minimal use of chemicals cultivation methods used by many plotters further enhance the biodiversity of allotment sites.

The allotment sites would provide all the benefits to humans detailed in my previous submission, with the added bonus of benefits to the SSSI. I therefore suggest 2 allotment sites to meet the needs of this development - one as part of the buffer zone for Wick Farm and another as the buffer zone for the Sydlings Copse/College Pond SSSI.

These allotment sites would provide an excellent opportunity for some meaningful public relations work by the developer in assisting their creation. If allotments are not included in the plan at an early stage the opportunity will be lost forever - it's now or never.

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Allotments would provide a rich and biodiverse buffer zone for Wick Farm and Sydlings Copse/College Pond SSSI, as well as providing a tremendous benefit for new residents, assisted by the developers. Now is the time to include them in the plan.

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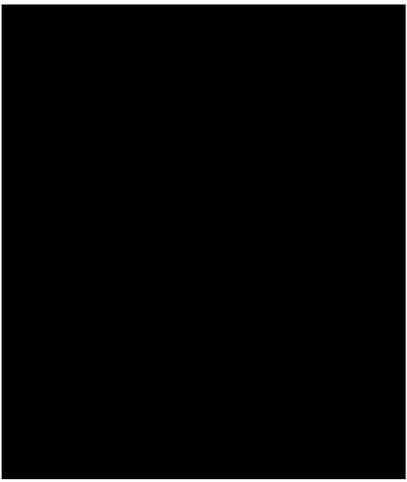
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MM2 and MM4 Objective 8.2 page 23 and 28

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The proposal to build extensively on Oxford's Green Belt does not meet the objective of reducing the need for travel. People will either have to travel several miles into Oxford for their employment or, if working in London, as is anticipated, will travel many more miles. It is unrealistic to assume that the residents will travel everywhere by cycle or public transport. The houses will have car park space, already assuming possession of at least one vehicle. This will greatly increase Oxford's pollution levels and encourage long-distance commutes, especially to London. This objective cannot be achieved given the anticipated quantity of residential units and their expected population. The current road system is already overloaded - adding in thousands more vehicles will simply exacerbate an existing problem.

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The justification for this development ie to reduce travel to work is unsound because unachievable.

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MM5 page 35

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The claim that 18,600 houses are needed to address Oxford's unmet housing need is not matched by reliable figures in its support. This figure is 5,000-8,000 units higher than South Oxfordshire needs. It is unacceptable to build on Green Belt land for such housing. Oxford used to be called, 'a jewel in a sea of green' . This excessive development will simply make it , 'a jewel in a sea of houses.'

Q13. If your comments are more than 500 words long, please use the space below to provide a summary. You are not required to summarise your comments, but a summary would help us in our reporting.

The housing targets for this development are way above actual need and unreasonably consume Green Belt land.

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MM17 Policy STRAT13 para 3(ii) page 72

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I would support the proposal to include 'a landscape buffer between the development and Wick farm.' I suggest that this land be used to provide allotments on the scale of 1 plot per 15 households (Oxford City formerly applied 1 plot per 15 residents). As Covid-19 has demonstrated, allotments have the following roles, crucial to the well-being of any community and especially needful on this site which will be a rapidly-assembled development of people from all over the world as well as many ex-London residents, with no focal point:

1. Allotments provide physical exercise and healthy interaction with greenery, extremely important for mental and physical health.
2. Allotments contribute hugely to the country's food supply; they were and are important to maintain Britain's food security eg when supermarkets experienced supply difficulties at lockdown when fresh food supplies were poor and inadequate.
3. Allotments are more efficient in the production of fresh, healthy food than commercial operations. Most British citizens' diets are extremely poor - not so allotmenters.
4. Allotments help build a sense of community and appeal to people from widely differing backgrounds, races and religions. Many people of different ethnic origins come from a farming background eg grandparents or parents, so relate very easily to the 'grow your own' approach.

The existing allotments at Barton are insufficient to meet the need for plots by the 'land north of Bayswater Brook' development. These new plots should be the full traditional measure of 10 poles by 5 poles to meet the need for a year-round fresh fruit/vegetable supply for a family. The developer could contribute in kind by assisting in setting up the site eg designing the site, measuring plots, installing water and secure fencing to deter vandals and deer.

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As part of the development's provision of green space and landscaping please provide allotments at the rate of 1 plot per 15 household units. Suitable locations would be the less densely developed parts of the site. The developer could assist in setting out the site.

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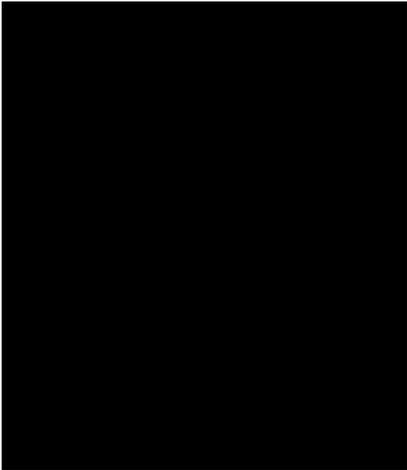
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Comment on proposal to limit the density of housing towards Sydlings Copse and College Pond SSSI. This proposal is simply inadequate and unsound because it will not provide the necessary protection for the SSSI and its wildlife as required under the 1981 Countryside Act. A buffer zone of 1 kilometre (or a minimum of 500m) is required between any housing and the SSSI. This is in order to:

1. Discourage casual dog walkers from simply 'emptying' their dogs on this nature reserve. Dog fouling encourages rank grass growth which suppresses rare and fragile species such as the orchids and twayblades. Dogs notoriously also disturb ground-nesting birds. One in four households owns a dog - that amounts to a huge number living on this estate.
2. A buffer zone would help to discourage casual visitors to the site. Although the public have long had access to this remarkable site with a truly rare combination of habitats, they have been in relatively low numbers. A huge housing estate of this size will lead to over use at the very least, and pillaging of orchids, wildflowers, wild garlic, fungi, and food foraging at worst.
3. Since one in three households owns at least one cat, the feline population will soar. Cats are (unlike dogs), carnivorous. They hunt and eat birds, especially nestlings, lizards, slow worms, toads, frogs, small mammals eg wood mice and voles. It is in their nature. And these wild creatures, which should be protected under the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act, will be vulnerable to depredation. In Australia/New Zealand cats are required by law to stay indoors, such is the havoc they wreak. Could the Plan enforce this? No.

I am a frequent volunteer with BBOWT on this site and have come to know and love its rich diversity of wildlife and habitat. The proposal merely to limit housing density nearby is unsound because it does not give the SSSI and its denizens the protections required by law.

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The proposed 'protection' of lower density housing adjacent to the Sydlings Copse and College Pond SSSI is inadequate and therefore unsound. A buffer zone of 1 kilometre - or at least 500m is required to comply with the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act which requires its full protection.

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