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Subject: South oxford 2034 local plan modification

To Inspector [REDACTED]

Mm17 (2vi).

If attempts to discourage car use are ineffective and significant impacts on the highway network are predicted new highway infrastructure will be required, but at what cost. The A40/Northern bypass is extremely busy. We have also endured extensive roadworks improving the Green Road roundabout. Now it seems that more improvements may be needed on this roundabout again. Attempts to gain access to site through Sandhills is not viable as the roads are narrow and inadequate. They simply could not accommodate site traffic and then traffic from cars from a new estate. Planning has been refused because of this before when the volume of traffic was considerably lower. The A40 by Sandhills now has to deal with increased traffic from 135 apartments built on the old Nielsen site and there are plans to build another 400 houses on this site. A link road between Bayswater Road and the A40 would become a rat run as people would chose to avoid Green Road roundabout. This would isolate Sandhills between two very busy roads, greatly impacting on air quality and noise levels.

MM9. Compensatory improvements.

Sydlings Copse a small nature reserve which has over 400 species of plants and numerous birds and butterflies is an SSSI site. It should not be compromised in any way. The building of houses as contained in Strat 13 and the subsequent increased pollution and footfall would pose a real danger to this fragile site. No measures could compensate for that. The only way to prevent this is by not building on the land north of Bayswater Brook.

Although there is no specific mention of Bayswater Farm field this is a cause of concern to the Sandhills community. The destruction of this Green Belt in order to build a small number of houses surely cannot be justified. This plan was only added in January 2019 and with no Section 18 consultation. Access to this site will necessitate crossing the bridle way which is used by children going to and from school and will pose a danger to them. As adults it is our entry to the countryside, now it will become an alleyway between two housing estates. This is not a facility which we have only just discovered. It has always been part of our lives and greatly appreciated by us. The loss of this amenity would have a detrimental impact on our lives especially since the onset of Covid 19.

MM 52 para 169

South Oxfordshire landscape, countryside and rural areas will be protected against harmful development.

This in my opinion will do the opposite. Instead of looking over green land sloping down to a wood our landscape will be a housing estate. Where once we saw deer, muntjacs and foxes we'll see concrete. We'll lose our clean air. The wildlife we lose may never come back. This is a huge loss to this community.

Therefore I urge you to reject this flawed plan.

Sincerely,

Margaret Greer

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