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Residents' response to Main Modifications – Sandhills and Bayswater Farm Field

MM9 – Policy STRAT6: Green Belt & MM17 – Policy STRAT13 – Land North of Bayswater Brook (LNBB)

Dear Councillors and Planning Dept.,

STRAT 13 – esp. Bayswater Farm Field

We sincerely ask you to have the Bayswater Farm Field and land to the west of Bayswater Brook excluded from the planned STRAT 13 on the following grounds:

DESTRUCTION OF THE GREEN BELT

This is a much-valued facility, and the repeated destruction of sections of the Green Belt make the political talk of 'greening' seem utterly hypocritical.

DESTRUCTION OF AN IMPORTANT PART OF URBAN HISTORY

Sandhills was conceived and built as part of the 1930s 'garden suburb' movement, and its plan has little changed since: it retains the same boundaries and tree-lined avenues and local school. It is the only example of this in Oxford and to destroy the original plan and greenery would be vandalism.

FAILURE TO ARCHAEOLOGICALLY INVESTIGATE

The Roman road from Alchester ran through Barton and Shotover and finds have been made all along this route. Their sporadic nature does not mean the Sandhills area should not be investigated: on the contrary, they are pointers to further investigation.

We find no record of the required archaeological investigation in the Sandhills area being carried out by the owners [REDACTED] lightly disguised nomenclature for Christ Church college nor by [REDACTED] any owners.

INEVITABLE EVENTUAL FAILURE TO PROVIDE 'AFFORDABLE HOUSING'

Houses built in this area will be marketed at about half a million pounds. No-one could seriously suggest that this could lead to 'affordable housing.' It would be insulting to the poorer residents of the city to even claim this.

UNDEMOCRATIC NATURE OF PROCESS

Mr. Jenrick has simply over-ruled all local government decisions. This whole project is quite transparently not for the benefit of civic housing, but for allowing huge profits from builders and land-owners.

Yours sincerely,

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