

Question which was asked at the Annual Parish Council Meeting

Question:

Land Behind the Moors

This facility is used by 100's of people every week. If it were to be developed (our last true green space), people would be forced to drive to other areas, which is not good for our environment. Our wildlife would suffer as would our mental health – not able to take a stroll in these wonderful fields.

Answer:

Thank you for your letter expressing concerns regarding the potential development of the green space behind The Moors. I understand the value this area holds for the community, not only as a natural retreat for relaxation and exercise, but also as an important habitat for local wildlife.

While it is true that the Council cannot prevent a speculative planning application from being submitted by a private developer, it is important to note that the site lies within the Green Belt. As such, any such application would be subject to strict planning policies. The applicant would need to demonstrate 'very special circumstances' to justify development, making the chances of approval significantly more difficult.

Your concerns about the environmental impact are completely understandable. As you rightly pointed out, the development of this green space could lead to increased car use if residents were forced to travel elsewhere to access natural areas, which in turn would have negative implications for both the environment and public wellbeing. The loss of a vital green space could also disrupt local ecosystems and impact mental health for those who enjoy walking, relaxing, or simply being close to nature.

We appreciate the time and care you've taken to share your views. Please be assured that your comments have been noted and will be taken into consideration as planning matters progress.

Question:

New Holding Developments accessing the local road serving Kidlington

All forthcoming developments – PR7a, PR7b, PR6a, PR6b increasing housing provision and PR8, PR9, PR3a further housing. So much housing onto roads which are already gridlocked in the morning, into Oxford and the ring road. Question: Where is all the new infrastructure?

Answer:

Thank you for attending the Annual Parish Meeting held on 24 April and for your engagement during the discussion, particularly your questions regarding infrastructure provisions linked to forthcoming developments, including PR7a, PR7b, PR6a, PR6b, PR8, PR9, and PR3a.

I can confirm that improvements to local infrastructure to accommodate the projected population increase are agreed within each development's associated *Section 106*

agreement. These legal agreements outline the specific contributions to be delivered and the trigger points at which they become due.

Where financial contributions are secured, the delivery of associated projects is led by the relevant authority. For example, road and highway improvements fall under the responsibility of the County Council.

Section 106 agreements are publicly accessible via the Cherwell District Council Planning Portal at:

 <https://planningregister.cherwell.gov.uk/>

We appreciate your continued interest in the development of our area and encourage residents to remain involved by reviewing these documents and raising any further questions as plans progress.

Question:

Current State of our Alleys

The Current state of our alley is almost impassable. They are dirty, dark, overhanging trees the paths are covered in rotten vegetation.

Answer:

Many thanks for attending the Kidlington Parish Council meeting on Thursday, 24th April

I am currently reviewing the email question forms we received on the night, and I wanted to follow up on your query regarding the alleyway near Alexander Close.

Having spoken to our facilities manager, we are currently unsure which alleyway you are referring to. Would it be possible for you to take a few photographs and send them to me at this email address? This will help us identify the specific location.

Please note that not all alleyways fall under the responsibility of Kidlington Parish Council; some are managed by Oxfordshire Highways. Once we confirm who is responsible for the area in question, we can determine the next steps.

Question:

Use of Exeter Hall Community Funding

How would you like to use Exeter Hall? I would like the hall to be used for community and fundraising events for the less affected, adversely impacted members of our community, ie, Christmas meal

Answers:

Thank you for your suggestion regarding the use of Exeter Hall for community and fundraising events to support the less affluent and adversely impacted members of our community—such as Christmas meals and similar initiatives.

We fully appreciate the importance of such events and the positive impact they can have. While the council is certainly open to considering more community-focused activities at Exeter Hall, it is important to note that all events come with additional costs, including

staffing (such as caretakers), electricity, heating, and in some cases, catering. As such, this is something that would need to be properly budgeted for in the next financial year.

That said, we do agree that expanding our community offering is a worthwhile consideration. The council already delivers several annual events, including Gala Day, the Christmas Lights Switch-On, and the Fireworks Display, and we would be happy to explore the potential for adding further initiatives that support inclusivity and community wellbeing. Thank you again for your suggestion. It will be taken into account as part of our forward planning and budgeting discussions.

Question:

What impact can KPC have on the proposed developments in the area and specifically on the land behind the moors

Answer:

1. A Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) is proposed around the stadium including Kidlington to prevent matchday parking in residential areas. This will be subject to local consultation and is designed to protect local streets from inappropriate parking. Matchday parking will be focused at the various nearby Park & Ride sites and managed through travel planning, shuttle services, and stewarding.
2. In addition to football matches (men's and women's teams), the stadium is expected to host community events, conferences, health and wellbeing activities, and occasional football events like junior international matches. Concerts are not proposed. Most events will be small-scale, with around 580 events expected annually, mostly hosting under 30 people.
3. For major match days (e.g., men's first team games), a short-term road diversion of private vehicles from Oxford Road to Frieze Way will be required for crowd safety. . The pre-match diversion will be no longer than 45 minutes before kick off. The post-match diversion will be set-up 15 minutes prior to the end of the match, and remain in place for 30 minutes after the final whistle. Buses, cycles and emergency vehicles will still have access through the diversion. The diversion will be removed during the match and roads are not diverted for the entire match

Question:

Will this affect the drains in Garden City, will it overwhelm the sewers. We experienced flooding in September 2024

Answer:

No. The development will not overload the public sewer or drainage systems serving Garden City. OUFC has committed to a sustainable drainage strategy that avoids discharging excess surface water into the local drainage network. Drainage for the new stadium will be controlled and managed via on-site storage and attenuation systems, with rainwater stored on site and only discharged into the drainage system in a controlled way. The site would drain at the same rate as a green field site. The system is designed to ensure there is no increase in flood risk elsewhere, including downstream, and also has a built in allowance for potential future climate change. We are also aware of existing local issues and have ensured that our drainage strategy has factored this in

Question:

1. What is plan B should planning not be approved? If there is no other plan does this mean that planning will be granted? 2. Will any roads be closed during match days? 3. Is there any possibility that OUFC could stay at the Kassam stadium?" Would you like someone to follow up with you directly: Yes

Answer: RESPONSE 1. Oxford United has made clear in its planning application that the Triangle site is the only option available to deliver the new stadium, from over 60 sites assessed. Should the application not be approved, the Club would face significant uncertainty over its future as there is no long term option to stay at the Kassam Stadium. However, the planning process is independent, and permission is not guaranteed – the application will be judged on its merits by Cherwell District Council. 2. For major match days (e.g., men's first team games), a short-term road diversion of private vehicles from Oxford Road to Frieze Way will be required for crowd safety. The pre-match diversion will be no longer than 45 minutes before kick off. The post-match diversion will be set-up 15 minutes prior to the end of the match, and remain in place for 30 minutes after the final whistle. Buses, cycles and emergency vehicles will still have access through the diversion. The diversion would be removed during the match. 3. No. OUFC has now confirmed jointly with the stadium's owner that the Kassam Stadium cannot provide a long-term home. The existing licence has been extended only temporarily (up to 2028 at the latest) and will end once that period concludes. The Kassam Stadium site is planned for redevelopment, and the Club must vacate. There is no option to remain.

Question: What is the limit for parking restrictions on match day. I've heard it's 2 km but what is that on a map?" Would you like someone to follow up with you directly:

Answer:

The proposed Controlled Parking Zone (CPZ) would be in place on match days only and cover an approximate radius of 2 km from the stadium, though the exact boundary will be subject to detailed design and local consultation. It is intended to prevent matchday parking spillover into nearby residential streets and would be financed by the football club. Once the CPZ design is finalised, a clear map will be provided showing the final area, which would need to be approved by Oxfordshire County Council Highways.

Question:

Please may you consider doing annual exceedance (AEP) analysis. I respect that it can be misunderstood, but with appropriate analysis and caveat an understanding of the AEP would be highly beneficial to residents as discussed please reach out to discuss.

It was nice to meet you at the Kidlington Parish Council event the week before last.

The Kidlington, Garden City Section 19 flood investigation report following the flooding of September 2024 is now available on the Oxfordshire Flood Toolkit - [Flood Investigation Reports - Oxfordshire Flood Toolkit](#). Please feel free to share this link or direct other residents to it.

Several of the recommendations are already being progressed, and Kidlington Parish Council are arranging a meeting on 12th May with Risk Management Authorities and other organisations to discuss progress and next steps.

You will notice that we have not included an AEP for the rainfall as you suggested for the reasons I explained at the event, and to avoid delaying publication of the report further. But I am interested in calculating one. I will discuss this within our team, and if they are supportive, get this undertaken. If we can get this undertaken, I will let you know the outcome.

If you have any questions or comments about the report, please contact us at floodmanagement@oxfordshire.gov.uk

Questions:

Work has commenced in Lock Crescent by SGW to fix the drain. Has any investigation been done into checking the culvert in Croxford Gardens and the pipe that runs from Garden City to the canal

Answer:

Oxfordshire County Council is supporting work by Cherwell District Council to investigate the condition and clear the culvert that runs south from the Garden City estate, beneath Croxford Gardens, and to the ditches beyond. Work will be needed on the ditches, too. We have identified that a contractor is currently seeking landowner permission to carry out this work.