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Dear Sir or Madam

I was very disappointed to read that the field at Park Farm is still being considered suitable for development. I am sure that you have received many comments about the field flooding. I noted that any developer would need to incorporate drainage. The rather obvious question is: where would you drain water to? That field frequently floods when the River Cherwell has also burst its banks and other land nearby is totally saturated.

Given the terrible flooding in other parts of the country this winter and its probable regular recurrence due to climate change, the government recently cautioned against building on land subject to flooding.

Additionally, I feel that the foreseeability of flood damage to other properties in Oxford due to building on 'functional flood plain', such as the field at Park Farm, must make you potentially legally liable for any such damage. The flood water must go somewhere and if it cannot soak into the fields, it may cause much worse damage elsewhere. It does seem reckless on the part of the council.

Finally, the area is of importance ecologically. The hedgerows teem with birds. Building work is very likely to be harmful.

I know that more housing is very much needed and would have no objections to development of the nearby site opposite the Islamic centre on the Marston Road which already has empty buildings on it.

Yours
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