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Question 1.

Your Name:

You must provide an answer to this question.

Judith Gannon

Question 2.

Your organisation (if applicable):

Not applicable

Question 3.

Your Address:

You must provide an answer to this question.

█ Edgeway Road Oxford OX3 0HF

Question 4.

Your email address:

You must provide an answer to this question.

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Question 5.

Do you wish to be notified when the Oxford Local Plan 2036 is adopted by the Council?

You must provide an answer to this question.

Yes

No

Question 6.

DATA PROTECTION:

Please note that your response will be made available for inspection by the public in paper form at the Council's offices, or other locations as appropriate for the purpose of facilitating public access.

Your personal details will be properly safeguarded and processed in accordance with the requirements of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) 2018. Your information will be used for The Oxford Local Plan 2036 Main Modifications Consultation only, and we will only store your data until the Oxford Local Plan 2036 is adopted. Information you give in this form will be shared with the Independent Examiners.

Please note: Anonymous representations may not be accepted.

Select at least 1 option.

Select this box if you are happy for us to state your name and the first line of your address and postcode when publishing your response(s).

Select this box if you would rather all personal details except your name and a non-specific address (e.g. Oxford) to be obscured.

Question 7.

To which Modification(s) or part(s) of the Sustainability Appraisal does this response relate?

You must provide an answer to this question.

MM84 and 49

MM84/SP28 - 48.1, 1863
(MM49 not applicable)

Question 8.

Do you Support or Object the proposed modification(s)?

You must provide an answer to this question.

- Support
- Object

Question 9.

If you object, please state why:

The Examination Inspectors are required to consider whether the Local Plans have been properly prepared against tests set out in the Government's National Planning Policy Framework (paragraph 182). Please tick any which apply:

- Not positively prepared - i.e. the strategy will not meet development needs
- Not justified - i.e. there is no evidence to justify the modification
- Not effective - i.e. it won't work
- Not consistent with national policy - i.e. does not comply with the law

Question 10.

Reason for SUPPORT or OBJECTION:

Please give details to explain why you support or object to the wording of the Modification(s) or part(s) of the Sustainability Appraisal of the Main Modifications.

You must provide an answer to this question.

While I understand that the City of Oxford needs more housing Park Farm is NOT the right place to build houses or any development for two main reasons. First, half the field is in what is classified as functional flood plan Zone 3. It regularly floods and despite several dry days recently and no significant rainfall during the last two weeks there is still standing water in this field. It is crucial for active flood retention of the River Cherwell and holds back water at times of inundation to protect downstream sites including central Oxford. Second, the fields alongside the river in New (and Old) Marston are of high ecological and landscape value. A 2002 City Council study stated that New Marston Meadows are of national and international importance for biodiversity. The report also said that the area is of very high landscape value for Oxford city. Nowhere else in the country is there a site of pastoral tranquillity and calm within sight and easy walking distance of the historic urban core.

As a member of NMRA and Edgeway Road resident of twenty years I am extremely concerned that building at Park Farm would distort the delicate balance of water table further and cause flooding to Marston properties. Endangering residents like this is not in the best interest of the Council or the University of Oxford who owns the land.

I use the track to the farm twice a day to walk my dog and know this site is full of wildlife and fauna which need to be preserved. The City argues that it is only a small field and not at the core of the SSSI protected area of NMM but the great danger is that if the field goes then the viability of Park Farm as an agricultural business could collapse because they need the field as safe haven their animals when the lower fields are flooded. Most Park Farm fields are next to the river and susceptible to deep flooding. Park Farm tenants manage the 'health' and

biodiversity of NMM under Natural England rules, which includes not taking hay until after seed drop by the rare plants, protecting birds etc..

Question 11.

Summary of Representation:

If your reason for support or objection is longer than 100 words, please summarise the main issues raised.

This proposed development is against national guidance as it would involve building on flood plains which is reprehensible during our current climate emergency.