

PL/25/0691 PL/25/0731 Lane west of Kidmore End Road, Oxfordshire



Caversham Globe objects to this application.

We are concerned at the loss of green space, wildlife habitat and biodiversity

We object to building on what is a green-field site which is not designated for building by either the Kidmore End Neighbourhood Plan or the Reading Borough Council Local Plan.

The Kidmore End local plan denotes this area as “a Locally Valued Landscape”, not as land suitable for building on.

Reading’s Local Plan, in relation to protecting the natural environment, specifically states that “Planning permission will not be granted for any development that would detract from the character or appearance of a Major Landscape Feature” which includes “The North Reading dry valleys and Chilterns Escarpment”. **The area in question is part of the Chiltern dry valleys and within the landscape setting of the Chilterns National Landscape (AONB) to the north.**

We are also concerned about vehicle access to the proposed development, particularly access through Kidmore End Road – a narrow residential road, as well as additional pressure on already-congested junctions, notably the Peppard Road/Henley Road/Prospect Street junction in Caversham.

The difficulty of servicing properties by the neighbouring local authority, which would have to be accessed through residential streets of Reading, is also of concern.

Although these properties would be outside Reading, given their proximity they would inevitably add to pressure on services within Reading.

Our over-riding concern is at the loss of green space, wildlife habitat and biodiversity of what is a distinctive Chiltern dry valley, with high landscape and biodiversity value. This area should be protected, not built on.

We strongly object to this proposed development.