Friends of the Fields Petition Comments Summary

Preserve Green Fields: People and Ecology

This is an important green space for wildlife and the people who live here.

It is pretty sad that these are the last fields there.It is also irreplaceable and unethical and all for the sake of people who do not need more housing or shops and all for the sake of the developer who will make lots of money. I hope there will be lots of comunity protesting for this horrid plan.

Nature nurturers us. Concrete and bricks don't!

Appalling that a hospital trust is selling off the last green area, outside green space that is known to do some much good for the mental health of people. It's almost ironic

We need to protect our green spaces - not fill them with more un-sellable rabbit hutch like and low grade housing

I run past here several times a week. The greeness helps my mental health.

I really value the green environment in Oxford. For my survival; Pollution levels are already illegally high. Chronic respiratory problems are already rife In the city. Please stop killing us and the natural world that can help us.

Environment before profit please. Wildlife before money please. Nature helped thousands of us through lockdown, we now need to be there for nature. Trees, hedges, scrub, wildflowers, insects, birds, mammals. So many already struggling. Please do not add this plot of land to the problem, leave it for the wildlife and the people. Thank you.

Our open spaces in Iffley promote well-being for so many people who live and walk here. They are critical to our planet. Extra traffic and housing will destroy for ever this haven. We implore you not to sell us out!

We need to protect green spaces for community use.

Village fields are a vital and dwindling resource, both for wildlife and amenity, in places that are often isolated and surrounded by intensive agricultural deserts - where there is little access or biodiversity

We need to protect our remaining green spaces

I recognise how vital it is for all of us, to preserve natural resources such as these for the common good.

Green lungs' offered by our green spaces are needed more urgently than ever, with so many families living in small houses, or flats in blocks and have little or no garden. Oxford is in process of having hundreds of new housing units built on the London side of the city. Please, Donnington Hospital Trust - continue to benefit the poor(er) in our community by NOT gobbling up this field, for development, for the financial gain of the Trust.

We need to build on brown sites before we start destroying valuable natural habitats. Also, there are many empty homes that should be used. Any developments need to be sympathetic to their environments and eco-friendly.

We need to protect nature and all the species that live close to us

Stop this destruction of valued areas that offer solace to people during these difficult time. Conservation is the word not destruction!

We need to start looking after our enviroment....before it's too late!

Biodiversity is very important to the future of the planet. This proposed development would destroy habitats. Listen to what the scientists and David Attenborough say.

Another bit of precious green space under threat

I'm signing because too many green spaces are being lost

Stop building houses on our green spaces!

Iffley Village and the surrounding areas are made up of adjoining fields. These are vital wildlife corridors for deer, foxes, and other smaller mammals. Trees in these areas are home to birds and owls as well being plant foods for moths. Given the recent news from WWF that deforestation and change in land use has resulted in 68 percent decline in animal, bird, and fish populations from the 1970s to recent years, why would Oxford want to contribute to the continued destruction of our wildlife? This city is renowned for learning - permission for this development to go ahead for pure pursuit of profit, would demonstrate that this city's depth of ignorance about the threats to its wildlife and the environment that sustains it.

In England we have one of the poorest records on wild life in Europe and most of the people who run the country ,not to mention this appalling government do not care a jot about anything but money

Considering all the brownfield sites left land-banked, this greenfield development is wilful habitat destruction.

Because I want to protect wildlife

We so need green spaces for people's mental health, particularly at a time of COVID when so many are suffering from anxiety and stress. Please don't sell these precious fields and find a way of making them more accessible to those on lower incomes who you wish to benefit.

This is vital green space for public amenity, wildlife and our all important pollinators. It's value far exceeds any benefit to be gained.

Too much of our countryside is being lost to housing

We need to preserve biodiversity

Climate must come first

Nature needs a home too!

I have so often been pleased to see so much wildlife when I pass this field, including a very impressive stag. It is important that Iffley remains a distinct entity so that Oxford residents feel they are getting away from city pressures and can get a sense of being in a country village without having to drive miles and cause pollution.

It'd be so sad to lose these beautiful places. Please don't destroy such a much needed habitat for the wildlife there

I live local and use the area regularly.

Green spaces are essential.

I'm signing because this land needs to be preserved as green pasture land and habitat for nature

The fields, and their horses are important and should not be built upon.
We need to preserve ancient natural sites as they are more diverse and ecologically valuable and there is a total environmental crisis going on with habitat and species loss that needs to be stopped

They're just aren't enough green spaces. They keep being built on. Mental Ill-health is a huge problem, when will people really take notice and think about the long term good these places can offer to many many people... effectively... for ever. Once the land has been built on, there's no going back, it's gone forever.
Now more than ever we need to preserve our green spaces, home to wide variety of animal, insect and plant life. We know climate change is happening and we need more green spaces, more trees. If these wonderful fields are built on so much will be lost.

The same is happening where I live, no regard for environment, biodiversity, nature or wildlife. We are destroying the world around us in the name of progress.

This is the field which the ponies used to be in. It was a place that I could go and relax and take in the beauty of the 'untouched' area of Oxford that isn't already bombarded with house developments. We need to save this area of Iffley - you can build houses but you can't build nature.

We need more nature, more now than ever....

Surely this charity should put people and environment before profit, surely they can consider a much smaller development.

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Iffley Village and Oxford

I love the rural feel and tranquility of Iffley village, it is so important to me as I live in Rosehill. Please don't build on these fields!!!

Iffley village is so beautiful. Do not waste it with new houses.

Another village being destroyed, remember Cowley before the Centre

It would completely destroy Iffley's special character forever

Of all the places to leave as wildlife green belt around oxford and it's rapid expansion Iffley has to be it. Please don't develop these fields. Give the community a say!

this is a conservation area in a village setting - I'm horrified to hear there's a proposal to build...

It is essential to maintain green areas, Ifry is a very special village. , don't spoil it please.

Open spaces are crucial to wellbeing and this one is crucial to huge numbers of Oxford residents. And there are other ways to increase housing in Oxford including redevelopment of old energy inefficient housing stock.
This particular set of fields is a treasured part of the heritage of one of Oxfords oldest villages and losing them would be much more significant than demolishing and rebuilding a street of low quality Victorian houses, or even an agricultural field in an agricultural location.

This beautiful area of oxford needs to be protected. It's a unique area and the last thing it needs is any more housing or the traffic that will come with it.

The point of Iffley Village is that it is a VILLAGE not just another bit of built up area of Oxford.

Oxford is choking with new housing

I'm signing this because once these fields are lost they cannot be regained. Development here will completely ruin the character of Iffley, a beautiful village rich with history, as well as destroying natural habitats and biodiversity on the sites.

Iffley is such a precious little oasis on the edge of Oxford: please keep it green & full of wildflowers

They have to destroy everything don't they

The areas of pastureland that run alongside and into the edges of Iffley Village contribute importantly to the uniquely rural 'feel' of the historic village.

Iffley village's unique and historic character would also be lost forever. Houses should be built on brown-field sites elsewhere in the city.

Building here would destroy the peace and tranquility of the area

This is a vital lung for the City and people living locally. It is also a wildlife haven, and should be preserved.

We are supposed to be building on brown sites first not destroying a peaceful village life

Once gone this area of exquisite beauty is lost to Oxford for ever

I used to live in Oxford and loved walking round the village. Our precious countryside must be protected.

More than ever, we need to conserve green open spaces. Finding new homes should begin with houses which have remained unoccupied for months if not years.

Green spaces in Oxford are under threat all around the city and it's a disgrace

With pandemics on the increase, the last fields in Iffley become as important for the people living in Iffley Village during lockdowns as the wildlife who call them home.

Traffic

Road access and pedestrian safety is already problematic, with current traffic flows at peak times of day.

I walk and cycle in this area and really value the relatively quiet roads and paths

This is an ancient and special village and more housing and consequent traffic is not an option.

The roads in Iffley are narrow and , as a regular visitor, I have to drive very carefully. The village simply cannot take any more traffic.

I live in this area and can't imangine how the existing roads. ie Church Walk and Meadow Lane, can possibly sustain the amount of traffic these houses would generate.

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This area needs to be protected. It is a CONSERVATION AREA for a reason! It is on a FLOOD PLAIN! Therefore, as is well evidenced, not suitable for development. As a hospital trust, and charity you should be guided by your charitable objectives. I urge you to protect this site and in line with your charitable objectives to preserve the land for the benefit of those in need. Financial resources will be found else where, along with more appropriate sites to provide the housing needed, but if the land is sold and developed it cannot be undone.