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From: Rob Whitehead <
Sent: 20 March 2014 23:11
To: DPD
Cc: Pickard School Admin
Subject: MDDC Local Plan Review

Dear Paul Williams

I write in regard to the possible inclusion of land at Townmead, Oakford in MDDC local plan review.

I am both a resident of Oakford and a landscape professional. The inclusion of this land for development would certainly benefit the owners but it would make a completely inappropriate development site for a number of reasons:

Oakford is a secluded, moorland hamlet with little or no public infrastructure to support such a development.

The site presents challenging water table and drainage issues which would have direct financial implications on the 'affordability' to provide a proportion of affordable housing under current legal provisions.

There is no demonstrable need for any additional housing within the parish, nor has any requirement been highlighted in recent years.

I have considerable experience in dealing with land-based issues as a qualified landscape and garden designer and the above mentioned points demonstrate the unsuitability of this site to be included as development land within the MDDC local plan review.

I trust that you will give these points due consideration.

Kind regards

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