

**Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Parish Council**

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To:  
Mr D Rothery  
Major Applications Officer  
VWHDC

Friday, 10 August 2012

Dear Mr Rothery

**P12/V1302 - Land south of Faringdon Road, Southmoor**

Further to your recent letter and our meeting last week, the Parish Council has the following comments.

Whilst the Parish Council has previously objected to this application, should permission be granted the Parish Council will wish to see benefits to the community as a result.

A footway along the south side of the Faringdon Road from the site boundary to the end of the existing footway nearer to the village centre is essential for the use of residents and visitors to the development. A lay-by for the bus stop close to Bullockspit Lane should be considered.

The application includes the following paragraph:

'Access is also provided within the proposals for pedestrians and dog walkers to access the field to the south of the site for recreational purposes. This field is owned by the same landowner as the application site and is being offered to the village Parish Council under long term lease as part of the proposed planning obligations as off site public space for the enjoyment and recreational use of the village.'

To date specific proposals for this additional area of public open space are awaited relating to the length of the proposed lease and any restrictions on use of the area. As an area of open space for walking, dogs and informal games, the Parish Council would ask that the developer maintain the boundaries and grass for a period of ten years from first occupation of the adjoining residential development.

The Parish Council would also ask that the developer install and maintain for this period of ten years, seats and dog waste bins in this area.

Part of this open space has the potential to provide allotments for use by villagers. The lack of allotments was noted in the recently published (2011) Parish Plan. The Clerk has received a small number of recent requests for allotments and several villagers tend allotments outside the parish.

The area also has the potential to include a trim trail or adult play equipment to allow adults a range of exercise opportunities.

Should this outline application be permitted, the Parish Council expects to hold discussions with the developer before submission of a full application.

The Parish Council believes the above conditions are:

- necessary to make the development acceptable in planning terms;
- directly related to the development; and
- fairly and reasonably related in scale and kind to the development.

Should a formal agreement between the developer and Parish Council be put in place, then as Proper Officer I would be the appropriate person to sign any documents.

Yours sincerely

John Melling