

What are the alternatives?

Build more houses in the City – there is room, if only the City Council stopped using spare land for commercial use.

Build at a higher density – if houses were built at a higher density, less land would be needed.

Find more sustainable locations – the proposed development lies in South Oxfordshire; South Oxfordshire District Council objects to the urban extension and is looking for more sustainable locations outside the Green Belt.

Target development outside of Oxfordshire – where houses are cheaper and jobs are scarce.



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The Oxford Green Belt needs your help now

What can you do?

Don't let wealthy landowners take over your Green Belt and your local countryside, at the expense of the health and well-being of your family and friends.

OBJECT

Sign up to CPRE Oxfordshire's e-newsletter and we'll keep you posted on when the application comes forward and how to object:

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Meanwhile, why not email the President of Magdalen College, Professor Sir David Clary, to tell him your views:

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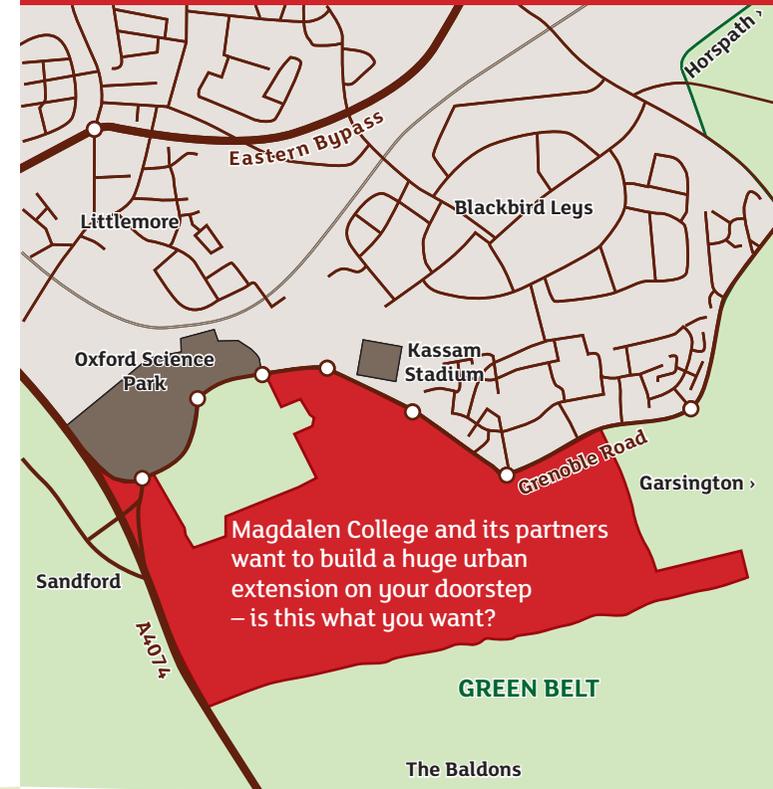


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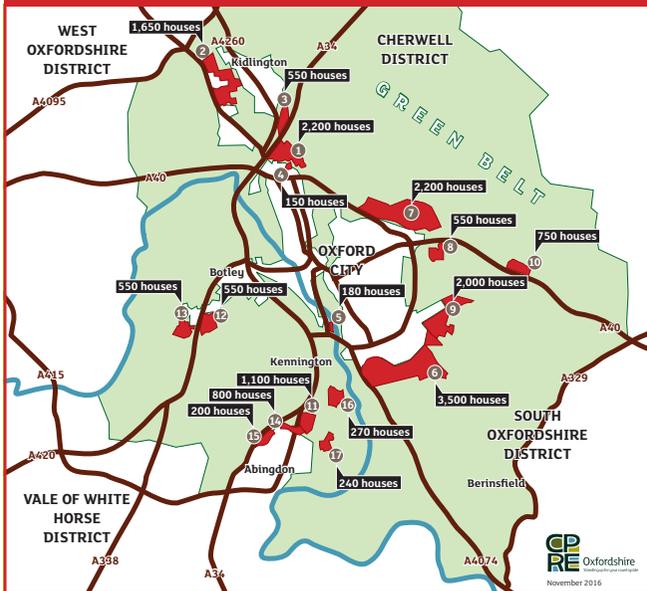
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Save your local countryside from being concreted over!



Magdalen College and its partners are trying to build 3,000 plus houses out over the Oxford Green Belt south of the City. (www.oxfordsciencevillage.com)

The developers are calling it a ‘Science Village’ but this is just advertising speak for ‘a huge urban extension’.

The developers claim they will deliver some affordable houses, but they are unlikely to be affordable to many local people. This isn’t about providing low-cost housing, but about making money.

And it’s just the tip of the iceberg. Brasenose College would like to follow suit by building another 2,000 houses on adjacent land to the east.

If successful, these applications could set the precedent for further urban extensions to the north of the City, obliterating the ‘Kidlington gap’, and elsewhere around the Green Belt including Abingdon and Wicks Farm.

Once undermined in this way, there will be little to stand in the way of the complete dismantling of the Oxford Green Belt, leading to urban sprawl and the loss of open countryside all around our historic City.

Why should you object?

Loss of countryside on your doorstep – where will you and your family exercise, walk the dog and get fresh air?

Traffic congestion – 3,000 extra houses south of the City will mean thousands more people trying to get down the Cowley Road or on to the busy A4074 each day.

Air pollution – according to the World Health Organisation Oxford is already one of the most polluted cities in the UK, with the Cowley Centre a ‘hot spot’. How will the health issues be considered?

Housing need – only some of the new houses will be ‘affordable’ – but the developers won’t come clean on how many, whether any will be social housing or permanently affordable, or whether they just mean 20% off the market value. The truth is this housing will not meet the needs of local families, but is likely to be bought by commuters from London and elsewhere.

Work space – the development would extend the Science Park – but the existing Science Park isn’t close to being full.

You won’t benefit – but private wealthy landowner, Magdalen College (with £180 million in its coffers) is set to make £650 million profit from using its land for development.



Let us know what you think!

“Is building an urban extension in the Green Belt south of Oxford a bad idea?”

Yes No Undecided

Comment:

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