

Dear Mr Corrigan,

## **Transfer of Land East of Kingston Bagpuize from Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council to Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Parish Council**

We are writing to formally register our opposition to this proposed boundary change.

We understand that the Kingston Bagpuize with Southmoor Parish Council is proceeding with a request to the Vale of the White Horse District Council for a change of boundary. The only reason communicated to us for this proposal is so that the land where a major new development has been proposed can come under the jurisdiction of KBS Parish Council.

The unanimous view of the Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council is that the land should remain with Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council as it has always been the case.

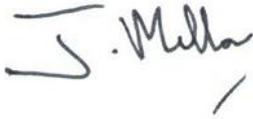
The principal reasons behind this are as follows:

- There is currently no formal authority for the development to proceed except its inclusion in the current Local Plan, but with strict conditions to be fulfilled before it can go ahead.
- When planning application for this development was submitted recently, ignoring the fulfilment of these conditions, objections were recorded by all public bodies providing services, namely transport, health and education, on the basis that these services could not be adequately provided.
- Efforts in opposing the development have been successful to date and as regards representing the local communities, these efforts have been entirely led by Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council, with tremendous support and input from residents of the Parish under the banner of FLAG. This has involved unprecedented input over the last 4½ years to achieve.
- The eastern portion of the proposed development is closer to the centre of Fyfield than the centre of Kingston Bagpuize/Southmoor.
- The negative effects of the development, particularly on the local roads, will be felt more in Fyfield and other neighbouring communities than in Kingston Bagpuize/Southmoor. Any works to alleviate these will have to be financed from the Fyfield and Tubney and the other Parish Council funds.
- The formal Examination process that took place in 2018 led to very clear recommendations by the Inspector, Mr Reed. Based on these, and specifically the requirement for significant improvements in the local infrastructure to be completed before further consideration for this development, the continuing efforts of the developers to progress with this site have been rejected by the planning authorities.
- This is the accepted position at the moment and therefore considering boundary changes on the basis of this proposed development would be premature. In this context a recent comment by Kingston Bagpuize/Southmoor Parish Council that it reached "*its own decision, based on the belief that this development is very likely to go ahead sooner or later*" should be of concern to all local stakeholders. Such a statement appears to indicate an unwillingness to recognise and accept current

guidance, a disregard for the interests of neighbouring communities and is a failure to abide by the decisions of the planning authorities.

We hope this presents an objective set of reasons for not supporting the proposal at this stage. Further discussion could be appropriate if any changes regarding this site come into effect at a future date .

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Mellor', with a horizontal line above the first part and a short vertical stroke below the end.

Julian Mellor  
Chair, Fyfield and Tubney Parish Council