



Development Brief Site PR7b: Land at Stratfield Farm, Kidlington -

July 2021

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Please find our comments on the Draft Development Brief in the attached document.

Kind Regards

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Dear Sir or Madam,

As current residents of a property adjacent to the Stratfield Farm, we would like to express our concerns and provide comments and suggestions on proposal PR7b, particularly the Eastern Gateway Character Area, as discussed in the Development Brief PR7b/July 2021 document <sup>1</sup>. While it is admirable that the building plan advocates for the establishment of a pleasing environment for new houses, it appears to show little consideration to the impact on current Cherwell residents.

Given the location of our house (368 Oxford Road, OX51DA, yellow in Fig. 1)), proposal PR7b affects our property the most of all the neighboring residents; the proposed new houses will be situated immediately along the entire length of our comparatively narrow property, in contrast to other houses that connect to the new building plots by their back gardens.

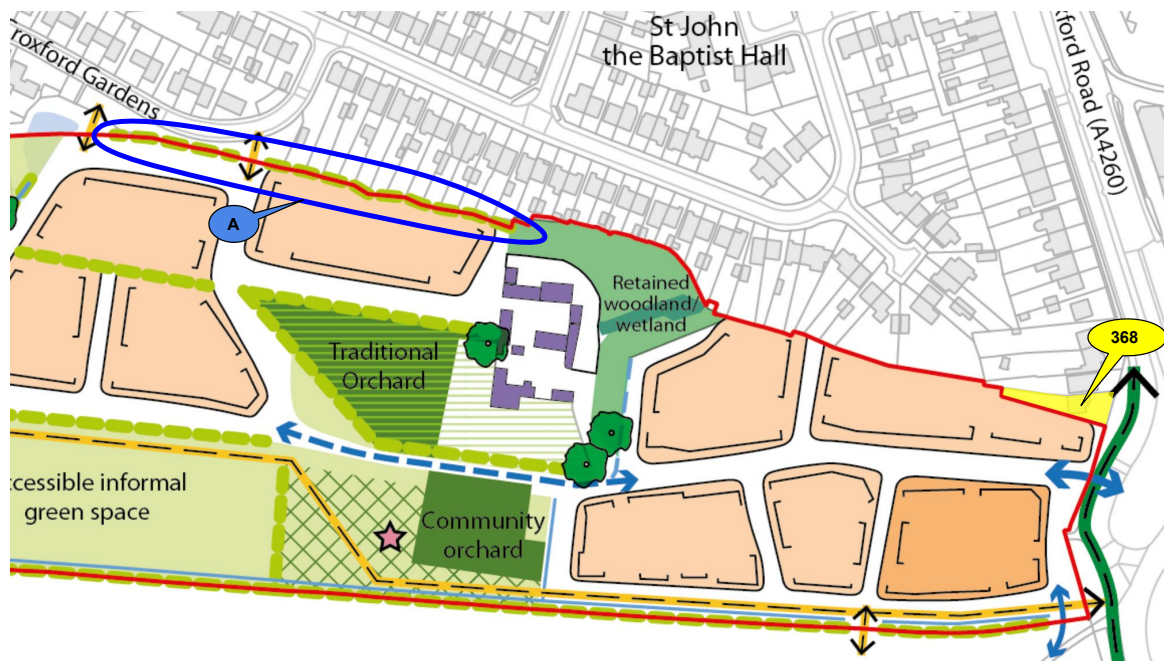


Figure 1: Our property 368, Oxford Road, is highlighted in yellow.

<sup>1</sup><https://www.cherwell.gov.uk/download/downloads/id/10154/draft-development-brief-pr-7b-for-consultation---website.pdf>

Due to our house and garden skew, all south and west windows are facing towards the newly proposed houses of the Eastern Area. We have no windows on the north side. The new two-story houses, directly bordering with our property (Fig. 1), would render our house dark with all views facing straight to the walls of new buildings. The proposal, as it stands, will significantly alter our home environment with a negative impact on our family's life, which is already manifesting. The development proposal also similarly affects our north neighbor, although to a lesser extent. In the light of the new development on the Stratfield Farm, our neighbor has already left the house.

Therefore, we propose retention of the existing (or a new) hedgerow along the southern border of our property, as indicated in Fig. 2,(B). A similar hedgerow is already implemented in the plan for other residents (Fig. 2,(A)) despite their properties being connected by the back gardens. Furthermore, we propose to leave a sufficient, three meters or wider, space between our property border and the nearest building walls. Perhaps this space could be allocated as back gardens for the new properties.

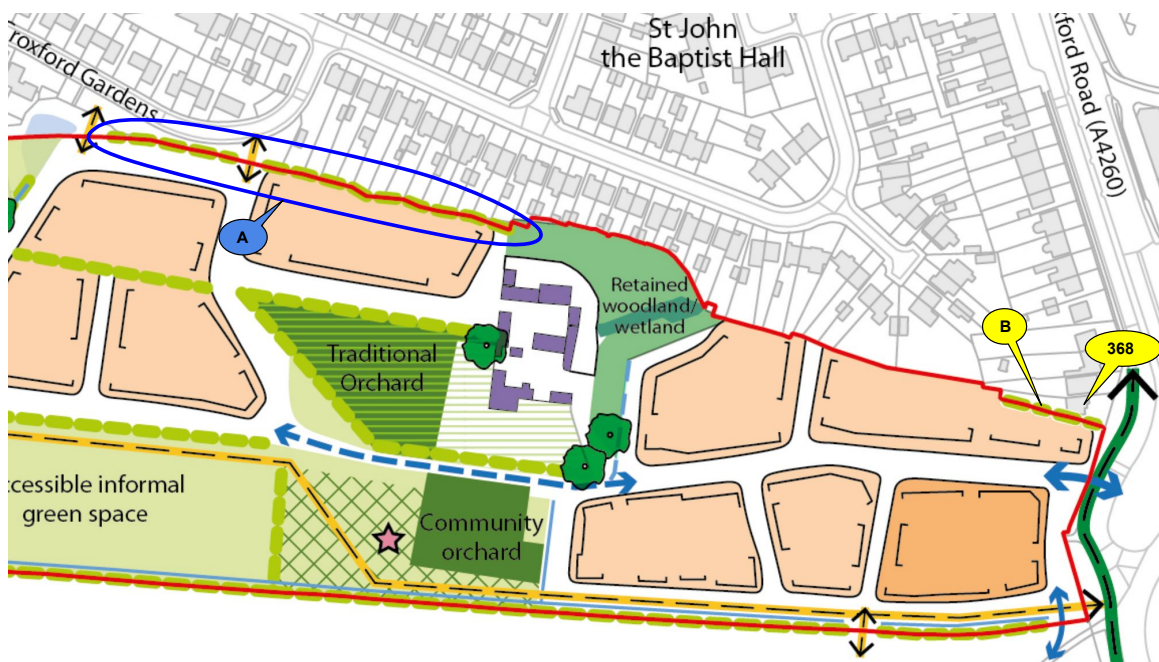


Figure 2: Proposed hedgerow (B) and hedgerow already included in the PR7b (A).

We hope you understand our concerns and take our comments into consideration.

With Kind Regards  
Dr. Jiri Fajtl and Dr. Mika Abu