

Stop press: over £6,000 and counting!



Help us to beat our target of £7,500 by 11 March 2021

Save our village from developer greed

If you haven't already, please donate to our campaign to help defeat the attempt by Inspired Villages to build an unwanted luxury retirement complex in our beautiful countryside. Follow the link:

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/save-our-village-from-developer-greed>

- The scale of the proposed development is huge and grossly out of proportion to what Sonning Common needs
- Our cherished countryside would be permanently destroyed by this excessive development
- Our busy health centre and local infrastructure would pay the price for developers' greed

The site (see map overleaf) – on Blounts Court Road, overlooking Widmore Pond and opposite the Johnson Matthey Technology Centre – was rejected by residents, our Neighbourhood Plan and SODC (South Oxfordshire District Council).

Now Inspired Villages wants to overturn local opinion and build more than 130 luxury flats costing upwards of £600,000 each. This is more new housing than is required for the whole village - in a totally inappropriate and unsustainable location.

A public inquiry will begin in April to decide whether to allow this proposal. If we lose:

- It will mean the destruction of a stretch of precious countryside
- It will inflict a potentially fatal blow to our Neighbourhood Plan
- Worst of all, it will undermine and quite possibly destroy faith in local democracy.

Sonning Common Parish Council is employing a professional team to represent the community at the public inquiry, which will cost around £30,000. A resident has launched a crowdfunder, calling for help and support from local people.

Don't delay, support our campaign now

Donations may be made via the crowdfunding link above, by cheque (payable to Sonning Common Parish Council) or by BACS transfer (account name: Sonning Common Parish Council; sort code: 60-83-01; account number: 20309969).

For further information contact the Parish Office:

0118 972 3616 or ndp@sonningcommonparishcouncil.gov.uk

We encourage individual donations to increase our supporter numbers. Please also provide comments in support of the campaign on the crowdfunding page.

All donations, including donations above the target, will go towards fighting the Inspired Villages' proposal.

