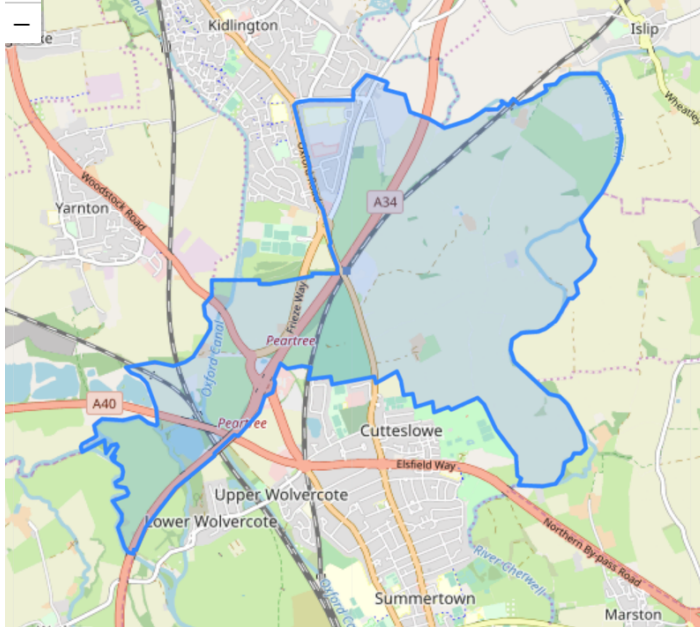


- 1) **Gosford & Water Eaton Parish is not Oxford City nor is it Kidlington Parish, but it is where 2750 homes are proposed to be built.** The parish has limited resources and could not afford to engage professional representation to the planner. Please note that the planning documents consistently avoid referring to the Parish of Gosford and Water Eaton despite the fact 2750 homes of the 4400 Cherwell District apportionment of Oxford's Unmet Housing need are located within the parish on its green belt land. Please refer to the parish boundary map: <https://mapit.mysociety.org/area/60316.html>. **Today there are 676 homes in the parish.**



2) **The case for meeting Oxford’s housing needs on the scale envisaged remains unproven. This is over development.** The base assumption figure of 15,000 new homes to meet Oxford’s Unmet Need, the subsequent apportionment of 4400 to Cherwell District and eventually **2750 homes in the Parish of Gosford and Water Eaton (PR6a and PR6b “Land North of Oxford” 2200 and PR7a “Land SE of Kidlington” 500)** was determined by work carried out through the Spatial Options Assessment and subsequently the Oxford Growth Board report which has a growth driven agenda which is now under review and should be questioned. Most of the areas given a “GREEN” rating by the by the Oxford Growth Board are within Gosford and Water Eaton Parish green belt. The size of the proposed developments in our parish are simply too high and a much lower number of homes should be considered.

The published **developer plans** show **1180 homes for PR6a and PR6b (Savill’s)** which are all located in the parish (map below) and there are two more developer plans **800 homes at Frieze Farm (Exeter College)** also in the parish and **230 homes (Barwood)** at Water Eaton Lane (SE of Kidlington) with a request to double planning permission to 500 homes. So the developer plans currently show: **2210 new homes in our parish – 3.27 times the number of homes today.**




## 2. Proposed Allocation

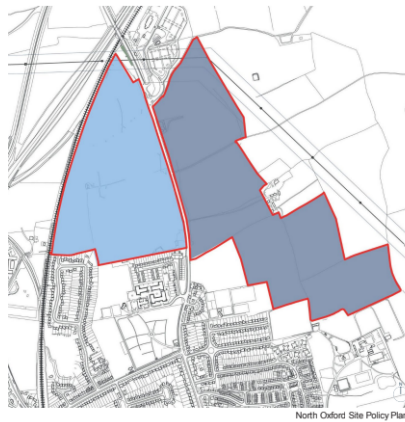
### PR6a – Land East of Oxford Road

- 650 dwellings,
- 50% affordable,
- Primary School,
- Local centre,
- 22 ha of green space.

### PR6b – Land West of Oxford Road

- 530 dwellings
- 50% affordable

-  Allocation boundary
-  PR6a
-  PR6b



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- 3) **Poor air quality, congestion and road accidents will all increase as a consequence of the proposed over development.** The roads within Gosford and Water Eaton Parish already perform poorly in terms of criteria relating to congestion, road safety incidents and proximity to Air Quality Management Areas. Adding 2750 homes to this parish will worsen the congestion and air quality in the parish. This is of major concern to the parish council.

- 4) **The Parish of Gosford and Water Eaton simply prevents the city of Oxford and the Parish of Kidlington village from merging.** The area is comprised of mostly **Green Belt** for the specific purpose of preventing urban sprawl. **The parish council has already made a previous submission advocating that there is no “exceptional” or “special” reason for green belt development in our parish.** The proposed over development in effect could push the “Oxford” greenbelt to the north side of Kidlington and could lead to a boundary change with Oxford reaching to the north of Kidlington thereby removing our Parish from Cherwell District and moving it into a Oxford City Council ward. There is precedent for this as the Oxford City northern boundary has moved north on several previous occasions. The parish council and the residents on the parish wish to remain part of Cherwell District rather than moving to Oxford City but the road and rail connections that split the parish in two would make a compelling case for Oxford City to at least extend to the A34/Oxford Parkway station and Kidlington Parish to take over adjacent Gosford (with its two schools, Thames Valley Police and cemetery on Gosford Hill “Kidlington” Cemetery) in effect eliminating the Parish of Gosford & Water Eaton. The council does not support this.

- 5) **Conflicting strategic plans are in play for the Parish of Gosford and Water Eaton.** The proposed Oxford to Cambridge Expressway plan (to 2025) has two shortlisted corridors. The Oxford west corridor runs across the northern border of our Parish overlapping with two proposed housing developments.

<https://highwaysengland.co.uk/projects/oxford-to-cambridge-expressway/>