

I have two observations on this proposal from an open spaces point of view, neither of which is acknowledged in the application.

1. It is over 1 kilometer from the nearest equipped childrens play facility in Bidbury Mead recreation ground. Resident children would have some distance to travel and there would be pressure on parents to drive children to the park.

2. The proposed development might further aggravate our shortage of allotments but as gardens in the development are quite big, this would not be huge.

Having said this, it would be difficult to address play and allotments issues by provision within the development, playgrounds can bring problems of anti-social behaviour and allotments might not be attractive in such a prominent location.

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