

# Comment for planning application MW.0115/21

**Application Number**

**Location**

**Proposal**

**Case Officer**

**Organisation**

**Type of Comment**

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**Comments**

Crowmarsh Parish Council objects to this application (as we did to the previous plan for a marina).  
This industrial process is inappropriate in this location for a number of reasons, as cited by Cholsey Parish Council, SODC and the Chilterns Conservation Board.  
It would harm the setting of the River Thames and the Thames Path National Trail and negatively affect the amenity of users of both.  
It would harm the setting of the Chilterns AONB, the listed buildings at the former Carmel College (notably the Grade II\* listed Julius Gottlieb Gallery and Boathouse designed by Sir Basil Spence) and the church of St John the Baptist - all immediately across the river from the application site.  
The application site and surroundings are in the Thames Wallingford to Goring Conservation Target Area, where the policy requires restoration and improvement in biodiversity, which would be totally undermined by gravel extraction here.  
As well as loss of agricultural land, the proposed development carries risks of damage to the subsurface hydrology of the River Thames floodplain and the release of sediment as well as of water, air and noise pollution from the operations themselves.  
This is also an area of archaeological interest, with the important late Bronze Age settlement site at Whitecross Farm (excavated when the bypass bridge was being planned - see Cromarty et al. Oxford Archaeology Monograph No. 22, 2006, ISBN 0-947816-67-4) and the Grims Ditch scheduled monument close by.  
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