

Oxfordshire County Council owns this land, which was designated as SP 38 in the 2036 Local Plan, and scheduled to be developed with a minimum of 84 houses. The County is in discussion with the Planning officers of the City and hopes to proceed as soon as may be to a consultation on an outline planning application, dealing inter alia with traffic and infrastructure. The detailed appearance of the development would be settled in a subsequent application by the eventual purchaser. A group of residents of Augustine Way and Maywood Road is rightly very concerned about access to the site past the Special Needs School; this issue will be very difficult to resolve, and may include new traffic arrangements in the area. At all the meetings so far held with the County, FOIV has declared that it does not oppose the proposed development, but would vigorously oppose any increase in the use by vehicles of the Quiet Route of Meadow Lane. In the latest discussions, a car-free zone has been mooted; initially, this was strongly opposed by the County Estates Office, which still awaits formal feedback from Planners on its revised (as yet undisclosed) pre-planning application.