

Dear Examiners,

Field 2.15 and Omissions for the Airport

This field lies behind houses in Begbroke. The numbers of panels in the field have been reduced as part of the safety cone area for Kidlington Airport but there remain panels alongside the ancient woodland.

There is an owl nest box in the field. Barn owls have nested in the box for eleven years and successfully raised chicks in most years, many of which have been ringed. The owls need the pasture for hunting and in particular they use the margins of the wood as well as the pasture.

I know that you will be aware that Barn Owls are listed as a species of conservation concern and it needs a Natural England Schedule 1 licence to even approach the breeding site. I have not found a survey for Owls. Maybe there was one but if so, it hasn't impacted on design.

I enclose an official record from the ringers for the site and a photo of one year's brood. Given the proximity to the airport, to Begbroke houses, to a much used Public Right of Way, to ancient woodland and the breeding and feeding requirements of the Barn Owls, I would ask for all the panels in this field to be withdrawn.

Begbroke Barn Owls

Nest Record Number	Optional Reference	Species	Year	Location Code	Location Name	Grid Ref	Outcome	Visits	Adults Ringed	Young Ringed	Last visited date
909	2011 BO A	Barn Owl	2011	ZPW138 OLDFLD	Begbroke, Village End, dead Oak	SP4636513676	OU	1	0	2	02/07/2011
1525	2016 BO A	Barn Owl	2016	ZPW138 OLDFLD	Begbroke, Village End, dead Oak	SP4636513676	SU	1	0	0	06/06/2016
1836	2018 BO A20	Barn Owl	2018	ZPW138 OLDFLD	Begbroke, Village End, dead Oak	SP4636513676	NE	3	0	2	07/09/2018
1998	2019 BO A24	Barn Owl	2019	ZPW138 OLDFLD	Begbroke, Village End, dead Oak	SP4636513676	NE	2	0	5	16/09/2019
2338	2020 BO A20	Barn Owl	2020	ZPW138 OLDFLD	Begbroke, Village End, dead Oak	SP4636513676	SS	2	0	0	16/07/2020
2539	2021 BO A38	Barn Owl	2021	ZPW138 OLDFLD	Begbroke, Village End, dead Oak	SP4636513676	OU	2	0	3	19/06/2021
2720	2022 BO A20	Barn Owl	2022	ZPW138 OLDFLD	Begbroke, Village End, dead Oak	SP4636513676	EA	3	0	0	01/08/2022
2786	2022 JD A08	Jackdaw	2022	ZPW138 OLDFLD	Begbroke, Village End, dead Oak	SP4636513676	NE	2	0	0	01/08/2022
3173	2023 BO A058	Barn Owl	2023	ZPW138 OLDFLD	Begbroke, Village End, dead Oak	SP4636513676	SS	3	0	0	23/07/2023
3414	2024 BO A	Barn Owl	2024	ZPW138 OLDFLD	Begbroke, Village End, dead Oak	SP4636513676	Unfinished	1	0	4	07/06/2024

