

I strongly support the written Parliamentary Questions tabled by Calum Miller, MP for Bicester and Woodstock, on 5 November 2025. Our local MP has raised five very pertinent questions, all of which need to be answered.

I also continue to have many concerns about the Applicant's proposed scheme and would like to focus on two of them: the negative heritage impact the scheme would create, and the risks of flooding.

Heritage Impact

If allowed to go ahead the Applicant's scheme would cause substantial harm to the heritage setting of St Peter's Church Cassington which is a Grade I Listed building of great significance that has stood at the heart of this landscape for 900 years. At no point in the process has the Applicant produced any evidence to support their own opinion that any harm to the heritage significance of St Peter's Cassington would be less than substantial. Everyone else familiar with the setting, including public and other expert authorities on the matter, believes the opposite.

Throughout the process the Applicant has failed to submit evidence to demonstrate why this project has to be so massive in scale and maintains that the public benefits would outweigh any loss or harm to the significance of a designated heritage asset. But the Applicant has consistently failed to justify how the scale of this project is for the public benefit.

Flooding Risks

The Applicant has also failed to produce sufficient evidence on the flood risks of this project and the steps they would take to minimise the risks of flooding. The land around our home already suffers from winter flooding as it is located at the lowest point where Cassington meets the A40 trunk road, and I have serious concerns that the installation of panels on the hills above Cassington would only aggravate the problems caused by heavy rainfall. Where is their evidence that flooding will not be a serious problem, and where is the evidence of the flood prevention measures they propose to carry out?