

A SELECTION OF QUOTES ABOUT BUXHALL FARM DURING THE NP CONSULTATION

Tesco stand responses:

“Buxhall Field is beautiful and used continuously for crops (it's winter barley at the moment) we need to see the sky and walk in the open air, the hedgerows and flowers are wonderful. I look at it every morning, we can see to Ely...”

“an important space for children from the school”

“particularly important to my 5 year old son frequently go to play and walk in that area”

“this is the closest space to our family home. we regularly use it for walking and running and enjoy meeting other members of the local community often with dogs.It's a great place to get exercise”

“used for dog walking and child walks (nature) constantly. Green spaces especially important to the new school”

“a rare open space on the edge of the village enjoyed by many walkers”

“essential space for the north of the village and the new primary school. Really rich in wildlife”

On-line responses:

“Sorry, I haven't got access on my screen to the specific pages and paragraphs but want to say that in terms of the LGS and protected habitat areas up on the Buxhall Farm site, these areas are LIFESAVERS to many in our crazy world. Seven years ago I, like others we all know, hit a period of depression and hit the counselling and anti-depressants hard in order to get through it. Thankfully I'm much better now, BUT the green space on the Buxhall Farm site was ESSENTIAL to me getting through that period as it gave me SPACE IN NATURE to get AWAY from the hussle and bussle of everyday life, avoid seeing too many people, get some exercise and Vitamin D in the sunshine (or a good dowsing in the rain!) and be DISTRACTED by beautiful nature itself. There were times when I didn't actually see ANYONE on that route: the doggy-walking route and I just concentrated on getting round. Sometimes I had a friend's dogs with me, other times I would just walk by myself. I am SO grateful for that ESSENTIAL space. Having walked round there for 8years plus now I can say that conversations I have with others as they walk their dogs or just escape from life for a bit are VERY similar. To lose that space would be TERRIBLE for the wellbeing of so many. If the school is built there I think it would be FABULOUS to maintain a hefty space around it for the children to appreciate a bit of NATURE/SPACE and CALM away from busy roads and traffic noise, plus Carbon Monoxide from traffic pollution. We are SO lucky in these villages to have so many fabulous people who are keen to support our dwindling natural environment and seeing as the A14 will pump-out more CO than I can bare to think about, the provision of LOCAL GREEN SPACES at the other end of the village is clearly ESSENTIAL. Thank-you. ”

“...We have to protect these areas otherwise we won't have any spaces where we can go to breathe and enjoy the wildlife. If we don't think about this now, soon there will be very few green spaces left in our community. I am pleased to see Northern Buxhall Farm on there as I regularly use the paths to go walking and there is nowhere else in the community quite like it.”