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My husband and I feel it is essential that existing settlement boundaries are maintained surrounding Fishlake Meadows Nature Reserve and beautiful canal path as per the current local plan and is proposed in the draft 2040 plan.

We are concerned that overdevelopment along cupernham land and the related urban sprawl that will ensue will physically and permanently harm the nature and visual character surrounding Oxlease Meadows Nature Reserve. Maintaining open connections between Fishlake Meadows Nature reserve and surrounding countryside is critical to attracting diverse species and sustaining g wildlife welfare as well as maintaining Romsey Character.

We would like to highlight that the land North of Oxlease Meadows is not designated within the current development plan and lies beyond settlement boundaries. It is currently green open countryside and we would like to see the updated local plan protect this status. Reasons for this include:

- Disconnection of a natural pathway for wildlife (otters deer osprey cuckoo bittern etc) between Fishlake Meadows Nature reserve and surrounding countryside.
- Further development will result in a loss of amenity and will permanently negatively impact the tranquil character of Fishlake Meadows Nature Reserve.
- Fishlake Meadows Nature Reserve is a SSSI site and further development will negatively impact on the nature accessing it, as well as the character enjoyed by so many Romsey residents using the canal path for exercise and their well-being.

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