Comments made on the University of Oxford voluntary Environmental Statement

Only those suggesting clarification, further information or a shortcoming to the ES.

Source	Summary of comment received	Commentary	City Council to seeking action by the University
Oxford Architectural and Historical Society	ES under-estimates the substantial and cumulative harm the development has caused to important heritage – Port Meadow and other heritage assets	Opinion not flaw in ES	
Oxford Architectural and Historical Society	Assessment only on Spring and summer - No consideration of visibility of development in other seasons	EH said same thing	The City Council requests the assessment should include Winter
Oxford Architectural and Historical Society	The residual substantial harm is neither ‘ clearly; nor ‘convincingly’ outweighed by any public benefit	Opinion not flaw in ES	
Mike Gilbert Planning for the Save Port Meadow Group	ES omits a considerable amount of socio-economic information	This has some relevance	The City Council request that a response is made to this point
Mike Gilbert Planning for the Save Port Meadow Group	Insufficient weight given to the development’s high adverse impact on the four heritage assets of national significance	Opinion not flaw in ES	
Dominic Woodfield Bio scan	Not compliant with EIA regs – consideration of alternatives artificially restricted. Not assessed the potential for	Clarification would seem sensible	The City Council request that a response is made to this point

	demolishing the current development		
English Heritage – David Brock	*Port meadow is an 'undesignated heritage asset' – the effect is 'high adverse'* *The skyline is not an asset so much as a view . The skyline in general is not affected sceptical of the judgement which ES arrives at*	Observation by author not flaw in ES	
English Heritage – David Brock	Chapter 8 does not engage with whether 'high adverse' effect equates to 'substantial harm' in terms of NPPF. - I recommend clarification	Clarification seems sensible	The City Council request that a response is made to this point
English Heritage – David Brock	To supply winter photographs	This is relevant	The City Council requests the assessment should include Winter
Freemen of Oxford	Real shortcoming of ES estimates of the financial costs. Not set against economic costs the costs borne by that sector of society that relies on Port Meadow for enjoyment, relaxation, exercise and quest for temporary escape	Opinion not flaw in ES	