

Question 2.9.4 in full - to Oxfordshire Host Authorities and Other Interested Parties

2.9.4 Consequences of assessments

The ExA note your concerns about the applicant's methodology (particularly on landscaping) underplaying the effects arising from the proposed project, and the ExA also note the applicant's rebuttals defending the decisions made. The question following on from this is whether, as a result, you consider the mitigation to be adopted by the applicant is equally underplayed.

- 1) Do you consider that, if the effects arising had been deemed 'significant', that additional mitigation above and beyond what is proposed would be required, or:
- 2) Do you consider that the mitigation proposals would likely have remained equivalent to what is currently proposed, regardless of whether the applicant reported moderate adverse effects as significant or not significant?

If the answer to question 2 is no (i.e. more mitigation would have been proposed had the effects been deemed significant), which areas do you think the mitigation proposals have been underplayed and what do you consider needs to be done for more effective mitigation?