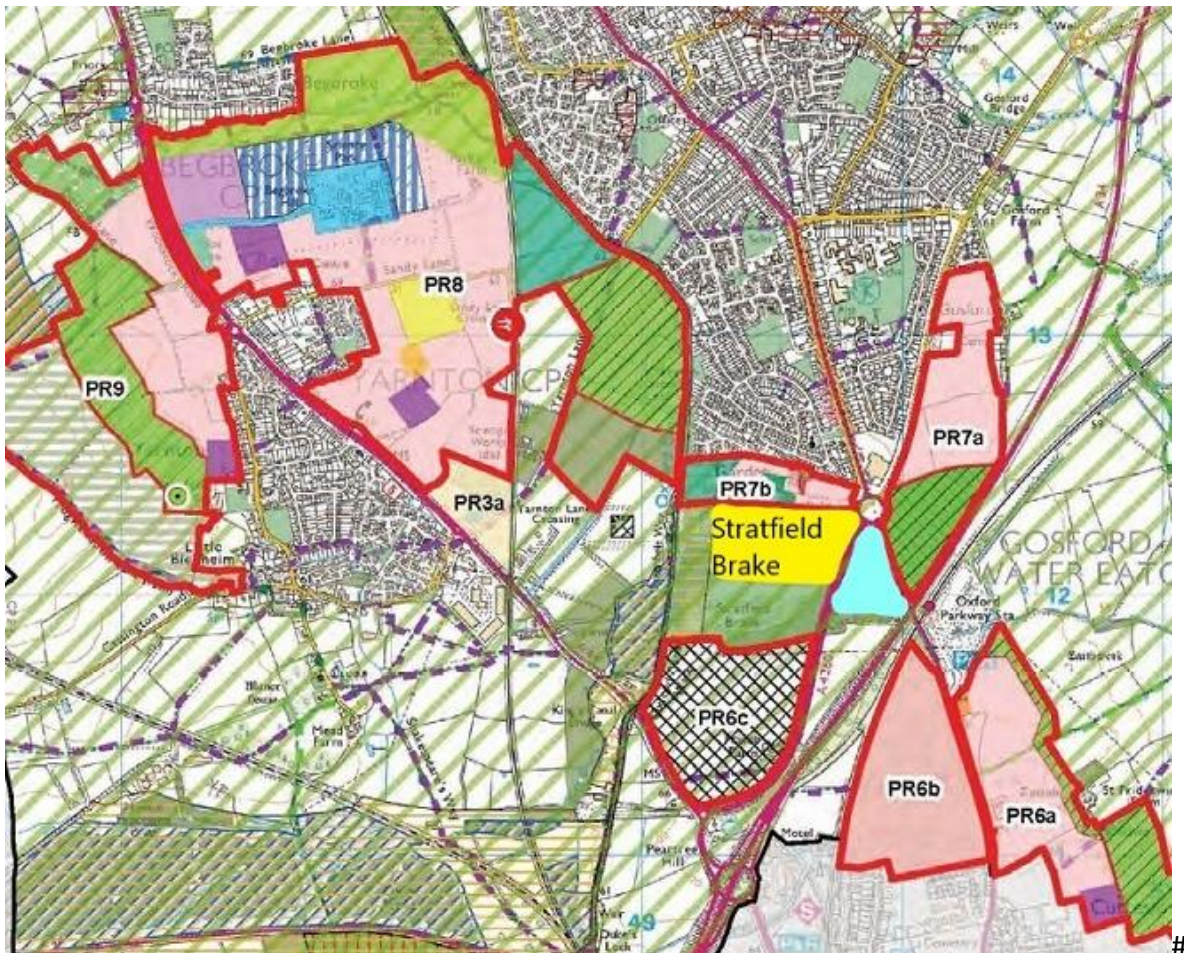


NEW HOUSING DEVELOPMENTS IN AND AROUND KIDLINGTON

In the next few years 4,400 new dwellings will be built in our area to meet Oxford's housing needs. Kidlington itself will not be directly affected very much as there will only be 120 new houses at Stratfield Farm (PR7b in the map). However, Yarnton, Begbroke and Gosford & Water Eaton will all have huge increases, taking the total population of the four parishes from about 20,000 to about 30,000. The indirect impact on Kidlington, particularly in terms of traffic congestion, will therefore be considerable. The map, where all the new developments (PR6a-9) are marked in pink, illustrates the position dramatically (PR6c is the planned replacement golf course). The cross-hatching in green marks the remaining Green Belt.



The Parish Council resisted these developments to the end, supporting Cherwell Development Watch's unsuccessful application for judicial review. But they are now going to happen, and we have to deal as best we can with the consequences. Together with the three adjacent councils, we will be holding discussions with Cherwell and County Council officers in order to clarify the expected infrastructure effects of the new developments on transport and traffic, schools, medical services, sports and recreational facilities, and shopping provision. Developers' contributions will help to mitigate some of these, but we will be pressing for appropriate further action by Cherwell and the County Council as well.

These new housing developments will clearly be a massive factor in deciding on Oxford United's proposals for Stratfield Brake (coloured yellow in the picture; the blue triangle opposite indicates proposed replacement playing fields: see the Parish Council's [current position on the issue](#)). The proposals would leave a Green Belt ring around the village, but would reduce it further still, and could add to the increased traffic congestion.