

# Comment for planning application 22/03064/OUT

<b>Application Number</b>	<input type="text" value="22/03064/OUT"/>
<b>Location</b>	<input type="text" value="Land Opposite Hanwell Fields Recreation Adj To Dukes Meadow Drive Banbury"/>
<b>Proposal</b>	<input type="text" value="Outline planning application for up to 176 dwellings and associated open space with all matters reserved other than access"/>
<b>Case Officer</b>	<input type="text" value="David Lowin"/>

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<b>Address</b>	<input type="text" value="Haven House,Main Street,Hanwell,Banbury,OX17 1HN"/>
<b>Type of Comment</b>	<input type="text" value="Objection"/>
<b>Type</b>	<input type="text" value="neighbour"/>

**Comments**

I write in connection with the above planning application. I have examined the plans and I know the site well as I live in the Parish of Hanwell. I wish to object strongly to the development of these houses in this location.

The proposed siting of the development is particularly ill-considered: it is on a wilderness site used by many people in the area for recreation and walking dogs, and building here would both diminish the striking view and be prominent from most angles within Hanwell View and Duke's Meadow Drive.

Although I live in the village of Hanwell, I feel a great sadness for the people who bought their homes believing that the council would keep it's promise it made years ago to stop building more homes in the area. How would you like it if your ease of access to the countryside was curtailed by an ugly new cluster of modern, out-of-keeping houses?

There is no need for this kind of open market housing in the area. If this application is to be decided by councillors, please take this as notice that I would like to speak at the meeting of the committee at which this application is expected to be decided. Please let me know as soon as possible the date of the meeting.

The town of Banbury simply does not have the infrastructure to support these extra houses, along with numerous other proposed developments around Hanwell Village. GP surgeries are near full to capacity, there isn't an NHS dentist for 20 miles, veterinary applications are all closed due to over subscriptions, schools are hard to come by and Horton Hospital is ill equipped to deal with yet more patients. The traffic, too, is noticeably worse since more housing was introduced and Hennef Way already has some of the highest emmissions in the country.

Our agricultural land has never been more invaluable than it is right now, what with the scarcity of wheat and other grain imports from the likes of Ukraine and Russia. Now is the time to increase farming, not destroy the land to build new homes.

I care deeply about wildlife and the impact of all these homes. Imagine how many thousands of species - birds, insects, bats, rodents, foxes, badgers and hedgehogs - have been displaced to date. Very sad.

Do we really want to be compared to the appalling policies of Brazil where they clear rain forests for palm oil? That's what it looks like.

I also abhor the nature of the current new builds which in no way compliment the natural areas they've punched holes in. They are an eyesore as you drive northwards out of Banbury - hideous rows of Lego-brick disasters that I know from my journalistic research have mostly not been built to the high standards the buyers expected. Complaints galore.

And what about drainage. As you know, the more urban dwelling and tarmac, the worse the drainage. This area is known for flooding - only last week Dukes Meadow Drive was like a lake in parts. This is very bad planning and an appalling standard of forethought.

Finally, I take sincere unbrage to see a planning committee populated almost entirely by elderly men, most of whom, it transpires, do not live in surrounding villages. Rather, they

are further afield in cosy villages often in a different county. This is not a democracy having a group of elderly men dictate how they see the town of Banbury developing. Some of their policies today won't even be seen in their remaining lifetimes. It's like Brexit all over again.

We need new young blood in the council and no grumpy old men.

Stop spoiling the countryside. It's not yours to ruin!

Yours faithfully,

Derek Adams

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**Attachments**