

Comment for planning application 23/03366/OUT

Application Number	23/03366/OUT
Location	Land Opposite Hanwell Fields Recreation Adj To Dukes Meadow Drive Banbury
Proposal	Outline planning application for up to 117 dwellings and associated open space with all matters reserved other than access
Case Officer	Lewis Knox
Organisation Name	
Name	Derek Adams
Address	Haven House,Main Street,Hanwell,Banbury,OX17 1HN
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I wish to raise my objections to yet another possible carbuncle with all the aesthetics of an abscess on a pussy boil.</p> <p>For a start this inevitably ugly monstrosity would be on prime Grade 2 and Grade 3a farmland and this proposed development will inevitably displace vital wildlife and utterly spoil the beautiful countryside which we all enjoy. With the war in Ukraine badly affecting wheat and other crop imports, this country more than ever needs its farmland to help sustain its citizens. According to Oxford.gov, 'The best and most versatile agricultural land (Grades 1, 2, and 3a) is considered to be a national resource and should not be lost'.</p> <p>I am also concerned that, if this misguided proposal is given the go-ahead, the houses will be built to the bare minimum standard (Grade E) for energy efficiency and insulation. This is a given. The properties themselves will all look the same and dressed in the same utterly incongruous red brick like all the other poorly designed homes in this area.</p> <p>I live in the village of Hanwell and when I stand and look at the views from south of the village down towards the valley below where this site is, I already see a huge Amazon warehouse and, worse, the current development at the corner of Southam Road and Duke's Meadow Drive. This proposal will simply add more concrete and general ugliness to the otherwise excellent view of a rolling valley.</p> <p>Please see the following bullet points that outlay all my concerns:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">The war in Ukraine and continued sanctions against Russia will mean a disasterous reduction in crop imports - we need every bit of land for our great farmers to continue their invaluable work feeding their own peopleRampant development has already turned thye countryside into more suburbs of BanburyThis is yet another proposal that ththreatens the historical village of Hanwell and the surrounding area has a Grade 1 Listed 13th Century ironstone Church steeped in history, a Grade II+ Listed Castle and numerous other historical artefactsOur public observatory won't be able to function because of increased light pollutionBanbury is simply not big enough and the infrastructure is not in place to accommodate thousands more residentsMore traffic and therefore more fumes - BAD for the environmentBuilding on countryside land will produce more flooding because of less drainage! Banbury is already known for floodingDevelopment disturbs crucial wildlife - are we not supposed to be embracing nature in these times rather than destroying it?Development upsets the balance of the natural ambienceHospital and surgeries will not be able to copeViews will be ruined - tourists come to this region to see its natural beauty and wide-reaching viewsThe clean air in this immediate area will sufferNew housing prevents deer from moving freelyNesting birds will be disturbedLess space for people to enjoy the countryside because modern buildings are already blighting some of the landscapeNot enough schools to accommodate more pupils thereby impacting the education systemInevitable increase in crime that comes with more housing

We need to develop the town of Banbury first - there are plenty of brownfield sites and empty shops to repurpose as residential living spaces.

Build Banbury, NOT the countryside!!

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