Comment for planning application 22/03064/OUT

Application Number 22/03064/OUT Location Land Opposite Hanwell Fields Recreation Adj To Dukes Meadow Drive Banbury **Proposal** Outline planning application for up to 176 dwellings and associated open space with all matters reserved other than access **Case Officer** David Lowin **Organisation** Name James **Address** Dunlea, Main Street, Hanwell, Banbury, OX17 1HL **Type of Comment**

Type neighbour

Comments

I would like to object on the grounds of the Deer Act 1991. This is a legal indication that aims to protect wild deer in England and Wales. I link it here: https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1991/54/contents

This act states that the intentional cruelty towards wild deer is against the law. As a member of this community I have often seen wild deer lying in and running through the fields that this development is planned on. The frequent presence of young dear suggests a thriving community where mature adults have a sufficient sense of security to reproduce. Thus, I am concerned that this development will intentionally destroy the quality of life of wild deer which will go against the Deer Act 1991.

I would also like to draw your attention to the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981. This is a legal indication that aims to protect flora, fauna and the countryside of Great Britain. I link it here: https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1981/69#

Many of us in the community are interested in bird watching. It has been a particular pleasure to see red kites in the area in recent years given the strenuous efforts at conservation of the species in the Oxfordshire area. We take great pleasure in watching wild birds fly around our area. 1 a and 1 aa of this law both aim to protect birds who are nesting or are seeking to nest in areas of the countryside. I know there are birds who are living in the planned area or would look to settle amongst its surrounding trees and am worried about the loss of habitat for these animals.

There are plenty of other wildlife and plants that this law covers that will be damaged by this project and as a member of the community I am worried about this greatly.

I would also like to draw your attention to Wild Mammals Protection Act 1995. This is a legal indication that aims to protect wild mammals from deliberate cruelty. I link it here: https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1996/3/contents Many of us in the local community can recount seeing wild mammals in this area on multiple occasions if not as a daily occurrence. Bats in particular can be seen in the vicinity of the fields in question at dusk. It is certain that their natural habitat would be partially if not totally destroyed by this development and thus would break this law. Thus, I would also like to object.

To conclude, I am a very concerned member of the local community whose opinions are shared by much of my neighbours. The 3 acts listed above are aimed at protecting the English countryside and this is what is to be destroyed by this project. There are other areas of the Cherwell district that are not as filled with wildlife and natural beauty and thus I would encourage this project to either be cancelled or a more suitable location to be found elsewhere.

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