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Dear Sir/ Madam

**Planning Application - 23/03366/OUT**

**Land Opposite Hanwell Fields Recreation Adj To Dukes Meadow Drive Banbury**

I refer to the outline planning application referred to above by Manor Oak Homes for the development of 117 dwellings, which would result in further development of the land between Hanwell Fields and the village of Hanwell.

I wish to object to the proposed development for the following reasons:

**Planning Policy**

- The development would result in closer coalescence of the Banbury urban area and Hanwell village. This would harm the identity and character of this historic ironstone village and, importantly, would be contrary to the Cherwell Local Plan (and Draft Local Plan) and related spatial planning policy;
- In previous planning assessments Cherwell DC have already specifically identified the proposed housing site as not suitable for development. We would hope the Council will uphold their existing views and appraisal of the land;
- I understand that recent new housing land supply statement approved by the Council has identified that the district already has a 5.4 year housing supply\_ for 2022 – 2027. This development is therefore surplus to requirements to fulfil any broader supply quotas;

**Cumulative impact of development**

The past seven years have seen rapid expansion of the developed area to the north of Banbury, resulting in the loss of green spaces and agricultural land and an increase in traffic congestion and excessive strain on local infrastructure and amenities. The latest proposed development would remove important open space and amenity land for the residents of Hanwell Fields as well as further eroding the boundary and definition between the town of Banbury and distinct Hanwell village settlement.

For all the reasons stated above we urge to reject the proposed development outright.

Yours sincerely

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**Charles Wilford**