

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	Val Ingram
Address	The Old Post Office, Shotteswell, Banbury, Oxon,OX17 1HU,Shotteswell
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>22/03064/OUT Application:</p> <p>176 dwellings, off Dukes Meadow Drive. Manor Oak Homes</p> <p>Object to the proposed development on the following grounds.</p> <p>The proposal is further development into the open countryside beyond the built limits of Banbury. This very much appears to be a pre-emptive application whilst the emerging local plan is being considered and as such should be resisted.</p> <p>The proposed development is contrary to the current Local Plan in many aspects. The site has been deemed unsuitable for development as development in this location would be prominent on the landscape, particularly when viewed from the east, on one of the highest points in the vicinity. Indeed if you travel further into the town and view this area from Oxford Road by the Banbury House Hotel the vista is quite lovely with the hills and tree line very prominent. In these days when mental well-being is prominent the fact that there are such views and areas is important to health. It is important to enhance and preserve the characteristics of the town. Far from saying this is a worthless field during the summer months, it was awash with native wildflowers and often Roe Deer could be seen in the field, which suggests that it would support grazing. The government are currently paying farmers to let some of their lands lay fallow to grow wildflowers to support the ecosystem here is a perfect candidate. Farmland should be protected and brownfield sites used first.</p> <p>After reading the landscape report commissioned by the applicant it is full of contradictions and would appear that it can not be relied upon, so I very much hope that Cherwell's officer does not accept it at face value. This area is subject to flooding and although you can insert attenuation ponds it never looks great.</p> <p>The ever-creep towards Hanwell and the Bourton's is alarming villages must retain their individual identities. This is further encroachment towards Hanwell, sporadic development such as this should be resisted. Green buffer zones were promised in previous developments so this should be considered a priority to protect villages and the town itself.</p> <p>Banbury has taken more than its fair share of housing this insane policy of demonstrating a five-year housing supply does not take into account the dwellings already built, it is simply unsustainable to keep building at this rate without the infrastructure to support it. There already are inadequacies in finding the basics such as GP surgeries, dentists, school places and now even veterinarian services. The roads are heavily trafficked and Banbury is at times gridlocked, the pollution from idling traffic is of great concern.</p>
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