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I object to this proposal.

I am 12 years old, and I live in Hanwell. I am old enough to know that Hanwell does not stop at the end of a lane, the edge of a building or the red line on a conservation area map.

The place of Hanwell extends beyond these limits. The fields around my home are part of where I live. You might call them the 'setting' of Hanwell, but they are part of Hanwell. Building more houses right up to the edge of Hanwell would cause permanent damage. To take away the setting of Hanwell is to take away a part of Hanwell. This is obvious.

I am telling you this in case you do not understand. I live in Hanwell, and I understand what is special about it. Like so many villages in Esherwell, it has its own history and identity. This proposal to build 170 houses on the edge of Hanwell is wrong on so many levels. It would permanently harm Hanwell. The gap between Hanwell and Banbury is there for a reason, and needs to be protected.

I am asking you to listen to me and protect the village I live in, including the fields around us that are part of where I live.

Yours Sincerely,

Kate Sadler