

The Planning Inspectorate

COMMENTS ON CASE (Online Version)

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Appeal Reference: APP/C3105/W/24/3338211

DETAILS OF THE CASE

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Appeal By VISTRY HOMES LTD

Site Address
Land east of Warwick Road
Banbury
OX16 1HD
Grid Ref Easting: 433313
Grid Ref Northing: 243119

SENDER DETAILS

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ABOUT YOUR COMMENTS

In what capacity do you wish to make representations on this case?

- Appellant
- Agent
- Interested Party / Person
- Land Owner
- Rule 6 (6)

What kind of representation are you making?

- Final Comments
- Proof of Evidence
- Statement
- Statement of Common Ground
- Interested Party/Person Correspondence
- Other

YOUR COMMENTS ON THE CASE

[Your Name]
[Your Address]
[City, Postcode]
[Date]

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Planning Application Appeal for Development on Green Belt Land South of Hanwell Village, Oxfordshire

I am writing to formally appeal against the planning application (reference number [3338211]) for the proposed construction of houses on green belt land to the south of Hanwell Village in Oxfordshire. As a concerned resident and advocate for preserving our natural heritage, I strongly oppose this development on several grounds.

Firstly, the area designated for development serves as an important dividing line between the village of Hanwell and the town of Banbury. This green belt land acts as a crucial buffer, preserving the distinct character and identity of Hanwell Village while preventing urban sprawl and maintaining the rural landscape. Permitting development in this area would not only erode the historic boundaries of the village but also encroach upon the surrounding countryside, disrupting the harmonious relationship between rural and urban spaces.

Moreover, the proposed construction would result in the irreversible loss of valuable farming land. Agriculture plays a fundamental role in sustaining our local economy and ensuring food security. The conversion of green belt land into housing estates would diminish the availability of arable land, undermining the agricultural productivity of the region. Additionally, it would sever the connection between residents and the land, disrupting the agrarian traditions that have shaped our community for generations.

Furthermore, the proposed development poses a significant threat to local wildlife and biodiversity. The green belt land south of Hanwell Village supports diverse ecosystems, providing habitats for a wide range of plant and animal species. Construction activities, habitat fragmentation, and increased human activity associated with residential development would disrupt these ecosystems, leading to habitat loss and fragmentation. This loss of biodiversity not only undermines the ecological resilience of the area but also diminishes the quality of life for residents who cherish the natural beauty and tranquility of the countryside.

In light of these concerns, I urge the planning authority to reconsider the proposed development and uphold the principles of sustainable development and environmental conservation. Alternative sites for housing development should be explored, prioritising brownfield sites and underutilized urban areas to minimise the impact on green belt land and preserve our natural heritage for future generations.

In conclusion, I respectfully request that my appeal be given due consideration and that the planning authority take into account the wider implications of the proposed development on the cultural, environmental, and socio-economic fabric of our community. Together, let us strive to protect and nurture our green spaces, ensuring a sustainable and vibrant future for Hanwell Village and Oxfordshire as a whole.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Allen