

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

As residents of the nearest village to the east of Hanwell, we object to this application for the same reasons that pretty much every resident of Hanwell does.

That's without mentioning the objections of the NHS, Thames Water, and Banbury Town Council. Vistry don't seem to have many friends locally.

Planning is all about choices. There's no need to school the Planning Department in the details of its own current draft strategic plan, so we'll just nod to 10.117; 10.120, and 10.122, among the salient points which address the importance of protecting our villages and the countryside surrounding Banbury, and the need to avoid coalescence. It is self-evident that this application, if built, would result in the coalescence of Banbury and Hanwell.

Happily the main weapon that developers have used to try to railroad through marginal or inappropriate schemes in the recent past - the shortfall in 5-year land supply for housing - has been disarmed, for two distinct reasons. Firstly, CDC apparently now can satisfy the 5-year land supply target without recourse to this development. Secondly, His Majesty's Government, in its wisdom, has dissociated itself from the very notion of fixed housing targets.

It will be interesting to see what new housing policy may emerge from next year's General Election; but meanwhile it would be utterly irresponsible for CDC to permit irreversible and unnecessary development on this greenfield site. The recent local elections are a timely reminder, if any were needed, of the importance of local councillors heeding the wishes of their electorate. The enormous volume of hostile responses to this application make those wishes very plain.