

Comment for planning application 22/01488/OUT

Application Number	22/01488/OUT
Location	OS Parcel 5616 South West Of Huscote Farm And East Of Daventry Road Banbury
Proposal	Construction of up to 140,000 sq m of employment floorspace (use class B8 with ancillary offices and facilities) and servicing and infrastructure including new site accesses, internal roads and footpaths, landscaping including earthworks to create development platforms and bunds, drainage features and other associated works including demolition of the existing farmhouse
Case Officer	Samantha Taylor
Organisation Name	Kirsten Tisdale
Address	Upstone House, Thorpe Road, Wardington, Banbury, OX17 1SP
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Although I work in logistics, I strongly disagree with agricultural land/pasture that can be used to grow food/feed livestock being built on, for this or any other purpose, particularly when the UK/World is suffering food shortages and price rises.</p> <p>Also, the need for further warehousing may be passing. The non-food ecommerce boom (most food ecom is from supermarket stores), which was fuelled by Covid lockdowns, is now tailing off and reducing, and this reduction is likely to continue/accelerate with increased inflation and the cost of living crisis. With that, the need for further warehousing in this country is likely to also tail off - see slide 6: http://www.aricia.ltd.uk/Temp/2022_A_fresh_context_for_logistics_090622.pdf - and because many of the official figures are in value rather than volume, that tail off/reduction is probably more pronounced than is apparent at the moment.</p> <p>News in the US is of Amazon now having 10msqft, possibly up to 30msqft, excess warehousing, which it is having to look to rent out to other companies. The share price of Segro, as one example, has been badly affected by this downturn/news.</p> <p>There was discussion of a moratorium on building further warehouses in France and actual moratoriums in certain counties in the US - I've not been able to read link fully as no subscription, but I believe the concerns there are more around air pollution: https://www.dailybulletin.com/2022/06/15/pomona-considers-45-day-moratorium-on-new-warehouses/</p> <p>From a totally NIMBY perspective, we are very lucky to live in such a lovely rural environment, and while I accept that no-one has a right to beauty, I think it's a real shame to let urban sprawl occur rather than building on brownfield sites.</p> <p>If this development does go ahead, serious consideration will need to be given to an additional motorway junction for Banbury or other traffic management as it is already very difficult to access the J11 roundabout from the A361 at certain times.</p>
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