## 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

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**Address** 

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**Type of Comment** 

Objection

**Type** 

neighbour

**Comments** 

As a resident of Chacombe, which will be severely impacted by this development I strongly obiect.

1/ Increased flood risk/land drainage issues: Permanent impermeable ground covering on the sloping site is likely to lead to additional floodwater running off the site into adjacent low lying areas in an already high risk flood area. Impermeable clay is unsuitable for infiltration yet foul drainage is proposed to be to a private sewage treatment plant on site with effluent being discharged to the ditch system. Too close to neighbouring residents and likely odours too - unacceptable.

2/ Traffic congestion: As someone who travels from Chacombe via the A361 to Banbury daily, I can assure you the road is already significantly impacted by the sheer volume of traffic, making life a misery for road users. This will be further exacerbated by the anticipated HS2 traffic and the two new (as yet not operational) warehouses. With no significant infrastructure plans designated/approved, the inevitable and significant increase in lorries, cars, vans at the proposed new site would cause further deterioration to the adjacent A roads (already in poor state of repair) and cause further traffic congestion. An incident on the M40 already brings the whole town and surrounding villages to a standstill.

3/ Air Quality/climate change/other pollution: Standing (and increased) traffic queues inevitably create additional emissions pollution -the CDC website states that idling cars produce up to twice as much air pollution as moving vehicles..

The scale of the impact on our environment will be immeasurable, until it is too late - the damage cannot be undone. Emissions from the factories in terms heat, light, odours and noise will be unbearable and severely impact on the many schools, care homes and residents in the locality. Issues have already been identified in and around Grimsbury, Hennef Way and the M40 in AQMAs as well as others.

4/ Blot on the Landscape: The development will undoubtedly have a detrimental impact on the local landscape intruding into open countryside in agricultural use, harmful erosion of its rural setting on this side of the town. It will destroy Banbury's image as an attractive market town and likely deter visitors to the area.

Banbury already includes huge amounts of this type of employment, many warehouses are still awaiting tenants and existing employers are struggling to recruit and retain staff The development itself is unnecessary given that DIRFT III near Daventry already has 345 ha of land designated for such uses. It was recently permitted under the national infrastructure regime, specifically to meet the national and regional need for such major facilities.

- 5/ Protection of wildlife: The site is currently greenfield agricultural land and is full of mature hedgerows, trees, ponds and other important wildlife habitats. As a result this area has a massive range of wildlife, including bats, deer, badgers, an amazing variety of birds.
- 6/ Given this area was not earmarked in the LP and was specifically excluded by the Planning Inspectorate in 2015 why is it even being considered? Surely this should be subject to full public consultation?

Protect us all - refuse this application as unsuitable for this beautiful district.

**Received Date** 

**Attachments** 

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