

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	Andrew Taylor
Address	3 Thorpe Road, Chacombe
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Having moved into the area for its rural village character nearly 6 years ago, I object to this proposal in the strongest possible terms.</p> <p>The key points upon which my objection is based are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. First and foremost, the site is specifically and explicitly excluded from the Cherwell Local Plan 2011-20312. The Transport Plan in the application is poor. The plans for access to and from the site are unrealistic and will have significant impact on flow of traffic in and around the M40 Junction 11 with possible tailbacks onto the motorway too. This is a junction which already suffers from congestion regularly and which will only get worse with the ongoing development of the adjacent Frontier Park and the on-going HS2 works. The effect will be to cut-off the vital supply-line between Banbury and the surrounding villages to its east, such as Middleton Cheney, Chacombe and Wardington, as the main road connection will be blocked.3. The claimed employment benefits for the Banbury area are, to say the least, tenuous. Banbury has a relatively low level of unemployment and there is already a dearth of local applicants for jobs in the existing warehousing and distribution businesses in the area. The effect of this development would be immigration of low-skilled workers into the Banbury area and/or the use of transient labour who would need to travel to/from the site thus exacerbating the travel chaos.4. The environmental impact on the area would be devastating. The site currently has ancient ridge and furrow fields which are home to diverse flora and fauna and give a picturesque rural vista to the east of Banbury and the M40. The impact assessment submitted is woefully inadequate and in some places inaccurate and/or misleading.5. The future. We moved to the area to give a rural upbringing to our children in a green and pleasant land with good air quality and countryside to walk in, play in and enjoy for many years to come. If we had wanted to live in amongst warehouses and urban sprawl there are plenty of other places in the UK that offer this!! This development goes against the the stated environmental protection and carbon reduction aims of the Council and will leave Banbury, and its environs, a less attractive place to live. Once covered in concrete and tarmac, this historic landscape will be gone forever.
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