

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	Linda Griffiths
Organisation Name	Mr & Mrs N Hemstock
Address	PENFOLD BARN, OVERTHORPE
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Further to our objection of 29th June 2022 in respect of this application we wish to reiterate our objection to the proposed development despite the supplementary information provided by the applicant.</p> <p>Grounds for objection are -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. The entire site falls outside the development boundary as set out in the adopted Cherwell Local Plan. As has been highlighted by many parties any development here is contrary to Policy SLE1 of the Cherwell Local Plan. It is also contrary to Policies C128, C129 and C155 of the Local Plan which refer to the management of urban growth to protect natural and historic assets; the impact of development on the natural environment and the supply of employment land which directs new development to Bicester not Banbury. It is of note the the Inspector who reviewed the Local Plan stated that no development should be permitted to the east of the A361.2. Visual impact This development will destroy the rural views looking east from Banbury into South Northamptonshire. It will completely blight the area heading away from the development around Junction 11 of the M40 into the rural villages that surround Banbury and permanently change this historic landscape. This is again contrary to the Local Plan.3. Highways Impact The impact of a development of this scale on the adjoining road network should need no further explanation. At peak the combination of a busy motorway junction and the main routes into Banbury (A361 & A422) causes routine traffic jams. Anyone who has sought to exit the existing industrial estates on Thorpe Road will also be aware of the traffic build up due to the mass exodus of employees at the end of the day. A new development of the scale proposed will create the same effect on the eastern side of the M40. This is before the impact of the HS2 traffic is layered on which is only just beginning and will be here for at least the next decade. The impact of this increased traffic will be to drive up the practice of rat running through the surrounding villages which will have a negative impact on their residents amenity.4. Sustainable Development How can a development of this scale, removing 75ha of rural farmland be considered sustainable. It will blight the landscape, destroy visual amenity and severely reduce the amenity of the surrounding villages and their residents.5. Loss of Biodiversity The impact of losing 75 ha of rural farmland on the local biodiversity barely needs any explanation. At a time when focus on our environment and natural surroundings never been higher how can an application of this size and scale be approved. <p>In summary the subject application is contrary to the Local Plan and will have a significant negative impact on the surrounding area on the basis of the reasons outlined above. For all of these reasons we object to this application and request that this application be refused.</p>
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