

Comment for planning application 23/00853/OUT

Application Number	23/00853/OUT
Location	Land East Of Warwick Road Drayton Warwick Road Banbury
Proposal	Outline application for up to 170 dwellings (Use Class C3) with associated open space and vehicular access off Warwick Road, Banbury; All matters reserved except for access
Case Officer	Richard Greig
Organisation Name	
Name	Mrs J Huskisson
Address	Mulberry House,Banbury Lane,Horley,Banbury,OX15 6BG
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Dear members of the Planning Committee,</p> <p>I write to strongly object against this outline application submitted by Vistry Homes on land owned by Earl de la Warr.</p> <p>I have been a resident of Horley for more than 25 years and frequently travel along the Warwick Road. In recent years I have sadly witnessed Banbury's relentless urban expansion with more and more green space being replaced by housing estates and warehouses. Hanwell, Horley and Banbury's other surrounding villages are under continued threat of being consumed by these developments, rather than being conserved.</p> <p>The owner of the combined 231 acres (Vistry housing + Elgin solar plant) has been appointed as the new President of the South of England Agricultural Society and is claimed to have "a deep seated passion for the [agricultural] industry and the rural community". His passion seemingly does not extend beyond his own county borders as his financial ambitions threaten our own vital and precious farming and rural communities.</p> <p>I strongly object to the proposed Vistry Homes development because it would:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">be contrary to the Cherwell Local Plan and related spatial planning policy;develop a site that CDC has assessed as clearly "not suitable" for development;result in the convergence of the Banbury urban area and Hanwell village, contrary to adopted planning policies, and potentially then lead to further expansion of development along the Warwick Road;further increase the displacement of wildlife whose habitats, hunting grounds, pathways and areas of safety have already been significantly eroded by the expansion of building developments across Hanwell Fields and the Warwick Road. The increase in traffic would also put wildlife at greater danger;go against the Government's Environmental Improvement Plan which includes a commitment that the public should be able to access green space within a 15 minute walk from their home. If you continue to expand Banbury's urban sprawl by allowing building on our green spaces how will you achieve the Government's commitment to its electorate?erode an important gap of undeveloped land, that is protected under existing planning policy;have a negative impact on setting of the conservation area and heritage assets;result in piecemeal housing development in the open countryside, outside the built-up area of Banbury;cause loss of high-grade farmland which is becoming ever more crucial for sustainable farming and food security;further exacerbate traffic congestion, access, safety problems and increase the need for road maintenance (potholes!);cause loss of an important, prominent landscape feature that adds to the character and identity of open countryside north of Banbury;place yet more strain on existing local infrastructure, including but not only on the hospital, GPs, dentists, schools, health and social services, etc; andhave a detrimental cumulative impact alongside other nearby developments. <p>It is already devastating to see the removal of mature hedges and the installation of fencing along the West side of the Warwick Road and similar along the Southam Road, no doubt in preparation for yet more housing developments. When will this irreversible, permanent</p>

erosion of our countryside, wildlife habitats and villages end?

Regards,
Mrs J Huskisson

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