

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	Suzanne Nixon-Eckersall
Address	Stonewalls,Church Lane,Hanwell,Banbury,OX17 1HN
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>My late husband and I moved to Hanwell 30 years ago. It was a delightful and peaceful small rural village with many important historical features and surrounded by good, productive agricultural land. Over the years, despite promises from Cherwell District Council that each new development would be the last, many thousands of houses have since been built on the fields between Banbury and the village. I appreciate that more housing has to be supplied but because of the smaller size of each new application, it has not been incumbent on the developers to provide the necessary infrastructure of schools and surgeries etc and consequently those which had previously coped admirably are now battling to keep up their standards. The roads for commuters are congested and their condition becoming dangerous with potholes.</p> <p>The most recently approved planning development along the Warwick Road reaches a natural boundary which gives the village of Hanwell a small breathing space between it and any further development. This land is currently farmed and is part of a larger area which provides important locally-grown produce. It is also home to much wild-life, an important aspect of keeping some of this country a green and pleasant land. I was horrified by the way the hedgerows were ripped out along the western side of the Warwick Road prior to the building of what should be the last development on the north-west edge of Banbury. The Vistry application would be ribbon development and the final straw in the failure to maintain the character of an attractive, small village which would become part of Greater Banbury, something to which I object most strongly.</p> <p>I know that Cherwell District Council has reached their goal for the next 5 years for new housing in the current programme and hope very much that sense will prevail and that Vistry's application will not be approved. Should there be need for any more housing, there are other areas in Banbury where the effect of development would have a much smaller impact. The fields in this application are not in Cherwell's Local Plan and nor are they in the draft Local Plan.</p> <p>cc Victoria Prentiss MP.</p>
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