

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	Ed Harries
Address	Wardour House, Wroxton Lane, Horley, Banbury, OX15 6BD
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I am writing to strongly object and oppose this application. The proposed development would have a number of negative impacts on the area and is clearly contrary to planning policy, and I urge you to reject the application for the following reasons:</p> <p>The proposed development is contrary to the Cherwell Local Plan and Draft Local Plan, as well as related spatial planning policy. The development does not conform to the policies set out in the Local Plan, which aims to protect and enhance the character and identity of the area, and ensure that development is sustainable.</p> <p>The proposed development will result in the coalescence of the Banbury urban area and Hanwell village, contrary to adopted planning policies. This would be detrimental to the identity and character of both areas, and would result in a loss of the distinctiveness of the village.</p> <p>The proposed development would harm an area of high landscape value. The area is a vital component of the wider landscape, and any development in this area would have a negative impact on the visual amenity of the area.</p> <p>The development would cause significant harm to the setting of the nearby heritage assets, including listed buildings and conservation areas.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council has approved a new housing land supply statement, which demonstrates that the district has a 5.4 year housing supply for 2022 - 2027. This development is therefore not needed.</p> <p>The site proposed for the development has been assessed by the CDC as clearly "not suitable" for development. The proposed development would therefore be contrary to CDC's own assessment of the suitability of the site.</p> <p>The proposed development would erode an important gap of undeveloped land, which is protected under existing planning policy. This gap is a vital component of the wider landscape, and any development in this area would have a negative impact on the visual amenity of the area.</p> <p>The proposed development would result in piecemeal housing development in the open countryside, outside the built-up area of Banbury. This would be contrary to adopted planning policies and would be detrimental to the character and identity of the area.</p> <p>The proposed development will cause the loss of high-grade (Grade 2 and 3a) farmland that is crucial for sustainable farming and food security. The loss of such farmland will have a significant impact on the local economy and the wider community.</p> <p>The proposed development will cause traffic congestion, access and safety problems. The local road network is already under significant strain, and the proposed development will exacerbate existing problems.</p> <p>The proposed development will result in the loss of amenities such as green spaces and public views. These amenities are important to the local community and contribute to the quality of life in the area.</p>

The proposed development will put a strain on existing local infrastructure, including water supply, sewage and waste disposal. The local infrastructure is already struggling to cope with existing demand, and the proposed development will only make matters worse.

The proposed development will have a detrimental cumulative impact alongside other nearby developments. The area is already under significant pressure from new developments, and the proposed development will add to these pressures

In light of the above, I strongly urge the Council to reject the proposed development.

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