

Comment for planning application 23/00853/OUT

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| 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 | James Ivy |
| Address | Haven House,Main Street,Hanwell,Banbury,OX17 1HN |
| Type of Comment | Objection |
| Type | neighbour |
| Comments | <p>I am writing to express my objection to the proposed plan to build 170 new houses near the historic village of Hanwell. I believe that this development would have a negative impact on the local community and environment, Hanwell village's heritage and identity, put a strain on local infrastructure and create coalescence between Banbury and Hanwell village which would be in contravention of the Council's original promise to stop building more cheap carbuncles with all the aesthetics of an erupting abscess beyond the green buffer zone at Hanwell Chase.</p> <p>Hanwell is in a registered CONSERVATION AREA with a Grade I listed 13th Century church, a Grade IIa listed castle with ancient land and observatory, and this proposed housing development would be just 12 metres from the village. I'll repeat that - 12 METRES! Full-on 100% coalescence, in other words.</p> <p>This proposal from Vistry - a subsidiary of Bovis with a dubious history of building very poor-quality homes with zero response to the plethora of customer complaints - is on prime Grade 2 farmland (Grade 2 is classified as 'very good') and will inevitably displace important wildlife and utterly spoil the beautiful countryside which we all enjoy.</p> <p>What is especially galling is that the two fields in question had been growing flowering rape until this farrago raised its ugly head - acres of prime agricultural earth just sitting there since it was excavated by archaeologists. This land has produced pollen for pollinators and here we are staring at a barren plot. Outrageous.</p> <p>This is about protecting our rural areas at a time when the environment is of prime concern. Banbury simply doesn't have the infrastructure to accommodate more homes while 320 are due to be built just across Warwick Road (18/01882/OUT) and another huge development has been given the go-ahead at the roundabout of Dukes Meadow and Southam Rd (18/00273/OUT). There are no NHS dentists for 25 miles, GP surgeries are near full capacity, the choice of schools is extremely limited and vets are no longer taking applications. We do not need any more new houses on green space - rejuvenate the centre of Banbury instead.</p> <p>What's more, this new plot is bordered on three sides by untouched countryside which means it will be seen from every angle and utterly spoil what is currently a haven for wildlife including bats, kites, badgers, deer and other protected species.</p> <p>I am sick to death of these predatory developers swooping on pockets of land in the hope of lining their pockets at the expense of people who chose to live in the countryside, having been reassured by the council that no more developments would blight the immediate area. Want to know how these cowboys really operate? Just look at the 200m of hedging that has been ripped out across the road from the Vistry proposal land with no sign of any development taking place. 200m of prime hedgerow ripped asunder. It's nothing less than environmental vandalism!</p> <p>Make no mistake, this proposal is nothing but a land grab by Vistry and a misguided attempt to raise funds by the landowner who lives in another county. Tenant farmers are being forced to abandon the land that they've nurtured for years and for what? Another hideous clump of houses that in no way compliment the area and serve little purpose when a quick look at available housing in the area throws up 100s of existing homes for sale from 60,000.</p> |

This is about protecting our rural areas at a time when the environment is of prime concern. It can't go on. It's not just Hanwell Village that's against this rampant expansion and rape of the countryside, it's every village that surrounds Banbury.

I demand that you throw this application in the bin where it belongs. It's unjust, unnecessary, presumptuous, unsympathetic, avaricious, arrogant, unethical, insulting, shady and simply wrong on so many levels - and it flies in the face of the current Local Draft Plan which doesn't even list the land in question.

Kind Regards

James

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Attachments