## 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 Peter Michael Whatman **Address** Earlswood House, Main Street, Hanwell, Banbury, OX17 1HR **Type of Comment** Objection **Type** neighbour Comments I am objecting to Vestry Homes application for planning permission to build 170 homes on the green land site on the area between Hanwell fields and Hanwell village. 1. This proposed development would be contrary to the Cherwell District council Local Plan. 2. CDC has satisfied its obligation to approve land for housing for 5 years ahead. It has already approved supply for 5.4 years. 3. This area is and has been prime grade 2 and grade 3a agricultural land. As a country we can not afford to lose this high producing land. Recent world events have shown the UK must be closer to being self sufficient in food production. 4. The UK is famous throughout the world for its quintessential rural villages, of which Hanwell is a prime example. Should a village like Hanwell be morphed into Banbury town this would lead to the loss of centuries of tradition. 5. We have already lost many species of wildlife due to loss of habitats over the last few decades. Conservationists have claimed that Britain has 73 million fewer birds now than in 1970. (Daily Telegraph 8th May 2023) We must do all we can to stop this decline. 6.I am aware that Hanwell is a small village, and should it be lost, CDC can shrug their shoulders and justify their decision by saying that it is in the greater good. People have to be housed. However it is important to remember that it is not only Hanwell that we are talking about. There are hundreds of villages all over the country at this time, that are in danger of being swallowed up in the same way. The additive effect of losing production from this land and corresponding loss of habitats for wildlife is enormous. WE MUST STOP THIS LAND GRAB FOR HOUSING. There are plenty of brown land sites and infill sites that should be used Please do the right thing and decline this planning application.

Yours faithfully,

Michael Whatman

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