

# Comment for planning application 23/00853/OUT

<b>Application Number</b>	23/00853/OUT
<b>Location</b>	Land East Of Warwick Road Drayton Warwick Road Banbury
<b>Proposal</b>	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
<b>Case Officer</b>	Richard Greig

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<b>Type of Comment</b>	Objection
<b>Type</b>	neighbour

<b>Comments</b>	<p>I am writing to express my VERY STRONG OBJECTIONS to this application.</p> <p>This application is contrary to the adopted Cherwell Local Plan 2011- 2013, and it will also result in the coalescence of Banbury.</p> <p>Hanwell sits in a conservation area with a beautiful 12th century church and castle. There is also a community observatory, which by all accounts, will be further impeded by the light pollution this application will cause.</p> <p>CDC has demonstrated its ability to supply the required 5.4 years worth of housing land and so would contravene its own Local Plan.</p> <p>This is valuable farm land : land that we require to make ourselves more food independent. We are a small island that should be able to sustain food growth in terms of employment and food independence.</p> <p>The CDC had confirmed in years previously that Duke Meadow Drive would be the northern boundary line for Banbury. That was reneged upon with the building of the extension to Hanwell Fields, north of DMD and the latest development called Hanwell Chase. This development will leave us with NO GREEN BUFFER ZONE to Banbury.</p> <p>Since these building sites have started, there has been an increase in fly tipping and litter in and around our beautiful village. These building sites had not been managed correctly, ensuring waste plastic etc does not end up in surrounding farmers fields. AS a parish council, we had to contact each site manager to get them to clean up. There is still waste sitting in the fields today.</p> <p>This application would have a major impact to the local hedgerows, which as we know is so important for our biodiversity. A long length of hedgerow has been lost opposite Hanwell Chase - removed at important time when birds start nesting. What will be put in its place? How much more of our beautiful, natural surroundings are we prepared to keep losing until it all becomes so totally irreversible? I can remember the starling formations in the evenings over Banbury town centre in the 1980s. That population no longer seems to exist and reports in national news papers have declared bird numbers have decreased by 11 percent since the 1970s. This proposal risks a collision with our villages native, natural inhabitants and destroying it further.</p> <p>Our village has seen, antidotally, an increase in traffic. This has not helped our already crumbling roads, into and out of the village. The strain on the local infrastructure and resources is showing with doctors, dentist and vet waiting times and/or not being able to register with a practice. With a national shortage of GPs, nurses, teachers, etc, how on earth does the council expect to support yet more housing?</p> <p>These adhoc housing clusters have brought more and more interruptions on the main roads into and out of Banbury, with the digging up of the roads to lay pipework however Thames water is one of the major culprits for allowing sewage to be released into our local brook and rivers.</p> <p>This application is supposed to support 'affordable houses'. However I wonder, affordable</p>
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for whom? There is no social housing included in this application - no social housing to help regenerate the social/council housing that the government has allowed to be sold off for the past 20+ years. The CDC has tried to regenerate the town centre but ironically by building a new site across the canal. Yet Castle Quay and the high street are still soulless and devoid of anything worth coming into the town centre for. Re generate these brown field sites in the town centre with homes and apartments, bringing people back into the town centre and follow the principles of other European towns and cities. Review number of houses in Banbury that stand empty and understand why, put a plan in place to get them occupied again, creating more community instead of swaths of areas where people do not wish to go. It is my humble opinion that there isn't a housing shortage but a housing affordability issue in the UK at present.

Please stop destroying our countryside, our local environment, our biodiversity, our green space, our farming land, our food security. Please stop allowing the increase in pollution - light, noise, air, water, land and thermal pollution. Please stop short sighted development of poor quality housing where profit is the only name in town - this is what you have been voted in for - read the room, understand the strength of despair and outrage the population of Banbury and the surrounding area is feeling.

Thank you.

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**Attachments**