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	Alexander Huskisson
Address	Mulberry House, Banbury Lane, Horley, Banbury, OX15 6BG
Type of Comment	Objection
Туре	neighbour
Comments	I strongly OBJECT to this planning application (23/00853/OUT) for the following reasons;
	permitting it would be contrary to the adopted Cherwell Local Plan 2011 - 2031 (and draft Local Plan) ; The proposal would result in the coalescence of the Banbury urban area and Hanwell, contrary to adopted planning policies. This would set a deeply concerning precedent for further development along the Warwick Road towards Hanwell and Horley; The proposal would erode an important gap of undeveloped land that is protected under existing planning policy; As Cherwell has a 5.4 year housing supply for 2022 - 2027, there is no need for this development in contravention of the Local Plan; The site of the proposed development has been assessed by CDC as clearly "not suitable" for development. The draft of the emerging Local Plan 2040 does not allocate this site for development; The proposal is in the open countryside and beyond the established woodland green buffer at the boundary of Banbury. The proposal would harm the local environment and biodiversity. Wildlife is continually having its natural habitat eroded forcing animals to cross busy highways and into urban areas to search further for food, shelter and safety; and hunting grounds for both animals and birds continues to diminish as more and more land is consumed by housing, roads and other developments. The proposal would cause the loss of high-grade (Grade 2/3a) agricultural land, which is becoming increasingly essential to provide food security; The proposal would cause increased traffic congestion, further degradation of already poorly maintained roads and associated safety problems. This will be further compounded by the 300+ houses already slated for development (also on agricultural land) along the Warwick Road. The proposal would increase the strain on existing local infrastructure; including hospital, schools, doctors, dentists and clinics:
	The proposal, alongside other housing developments north of Banbury on sites not allocated in the Local Plan and the threat of a 200 acre solar plant, would have a detrimental cumulative impact on the countryside beyond Banbury and towards Hanwell and Horley villages.
	A decision to approve this application will result in a permanent, irreversible change to the countryside that must be preserved to protect vital food production and associated long-term employment, wildlife habitats and the environment.
	Please do not permit this application.
	Yours faithfully, Alexander Huskisson
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