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 Elizabeth Huskisson **Address** Mulberry House, Banbury Lane, Horley, Banbury, OX15 6BG **Type of Comment** Objection **Type** neighbour Comments

I have lived in Horley for 24 years, from birth, and am saddened to see the increasing spread of development along the Warwick Road towards Hanwell and Horley. I have been fortunate to experience a rural life, enjoying being part of a rural community, walking the fields and footpaths and appreciating the importance of our agricultural resources, farming community, the environment and our wildlife.

I strongly OBJECT to this planning application (23/00853/OUT) for the following reasons; The site of the proposed development is not allocated for development, so permitting this application 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; and would set a worrying precedent for yet further development along the Warwick Road;

The proposal would erode an important gap of undeveloped land that is protected under existing planning policy;

With Cherwell District Council's latest housing land supply statement demonstrating that 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 vital biodiversity;

The proposal would cause the loss of high-grade (Grade 2/3a) farmland, which is crucial for sustainable farming and food security;

The proposal would cause increased traffic congestion, further degradation of already poorly maintained roads and associated safety problems;

The proposal would increase the strain on existing local infrastructure; including schools and healthcare providers;

The proposal, alongside other housing developments not allocated in the Local Plan, and together with the threatened 200 acre solar plant, would have a detrimental cumulative impact on the countryside and environment beyond Banbury and towards Hanwell and Horley villages.

Please do not permit this housing development. It is unnecessary and would be permanently damaging.

Yours faithfully, Elizabeth Huskisson

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Attachments