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By email: [planning.policy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@cherwell-dc.gov.uk)

Dear Sir/Madam,

**Application Reference: 23/00853/OUT**  
**Outline application for up to 170 dwellings on land east of Warwick Road.**

I write as a concerned resident of Hanwell village regarding the above application by Vistry Homes Ltd.

I wholeheartedly object to this proposed development on the following grounds:

- It is an area that has already been dismissed by Cherwell District Council as being unsuitable for development.
- It would result in the coalescence of the Banbury urban area and Hanwell village, harming the identity and character of this historic ironstone village. Hanwell village is in a conservation area with many fine examples of ironstone houses, many of which are Grade II listed and the church and castle Grade I and Grade II\* respectively. The character and identity of the village would be lost for ever.
- It would result in the loss of high value agricultural Grade 2 and 3a land. I feel strongly that it should be retained for agricultural purposes and sustainability going forward.
- It would cause congestion, access and safety problems. It will drive yet more traffic through the village, which is a single narrow road with several pinch points. It is already used as a rat run between the B4100 (Warwick Road) and the A423 (Southam Road). I have witnessed emergency vehicles struggle to get through with increased traffic in the village. If the M40 is closed due to an accident the whole area becomes gridlocked.
- It would eradicate yet more green space which the village and visitors from Banbury enjoy. Being able to spend time in the countryside and green space is important for

health and wellbeing. Please do not allow further development to swallow up this free amenity.

With kind regards,

Joanna Wilford