

# 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
<b>Organisation Name</b>	
<b>Name</b>	David Andrew Collingwood-Turner
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<b>Type of Comment</b>	Objection
<b>Type</b>	neighbour
<b>Comments</b>	<p>I am objecting to this proposal on the following 8 grounds. Each one stands alone in importance and collectively are overwhelmingly compelling:</p> <p>The development is in a designated rural area and sets a dangerous precedent for other speculative developments.</p> <p>We do not have food security in the UK. Approximately 50% of our food is imported, which is unsustainable in an increasingly unstable world. Agricultural grade land should not be used for purposes other than farming. The relentless pressure to develop over land needed for our food supply , whether for house building, solar or wind farms is self destructive. Rewilding should be the only exception, to promote diverse wildlife, woodland for carbon capture and native grasslands and wild flowers for protection of pollinators and bird life. It was only the other morning I observed a pair of Muntjac deer in the field adjoining the proposed site.</p> <p>This proposed development threatens the rural sanctity and community of Hanwell Village. For a rural village to be viable it needs a green buffer. The current 2 wide field buffer only just meets this requirement. The proposed development would breach this and effectively join or coalesce Hanwell Village to Banbury. (PS I understand that a promise was made by Cherwell Council that there would be no further development creep towards Hanwell).</p> <p>Hanwell Village is a site of ancient historical interest with iron age and Roman settlements. A long-term archeological dig has been taking in the grounds of Hanwell Castle to uncover a rare pre-Capability Brown Italian water garden. The land around Hanwell Village should be protected from development to preserve this rich heritage.</p> <p>Hanwell Village and surrounding villages up to and including the Edge Hill area is a site of national historical importance. The first pitch battle of the English Civil War took place here. Indeed, it is understood that Cromwell stayed in the village. The area is unspoilt and should remain that way for future generations and tourists to enjoy.</p> <p>This development is not in the interests of Banbury, which desperately needs regeneration and not more edge of town housing developments across a sprawling hinterland. Sadly, the town centre has been hollowed out in the last two decades. Banbury town needs investment for homes and shops to restore a thriving town community.</p> <p>The significant expansion of housing to the north of Banbury has caused infrastructure congestion - roads, schools, healthcare services etc. and further development would add to the congestion.</p> <p>Banbury should protect its diverse range of industries. Hanwell represents an idyllic rural and historic attraction, and is popular with walkers, cyclists and day visitors with its walks, views, Ironstone houses, medieval church, castle, observatory, airbnbs and cultural village festivals. To attract inwards tourism, Hanwell and its historical rural setting needs protection from development. It is all very for developers like Vistry to argue that housing is needed, but there needs to be consideration of the cost, which is the erosion and destruction of a very special place. Hanwell is a jewel which Banbury should be proud of and protect for future generations.</p> <p>To summarise, any perceived benefits of this development, or similar ones that may arise in the future, are overwhelmingly outweighed by the considerable costs. I urge Cherwell to reject this proposal and continue to object against any appeal that may be subsequently lodged by Vistry.</p>
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## Attachments