

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	Jennifer Pollard and Steven Johns
Address	Fairview ,Chapel Lane ,Shotteswell,,Banbury ,Oxon
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>As a resident of Shotteswell, I would like to strongly object to the proposal to build 170 houses in the area between Banbury and the beautiful village of Hanwell.</p> <p>Such a development would make Hanwell a suburb of Banbury - as the plan indicates that the new houses will reach the edge of this lovely (currently rural) village which has many old, heritage buildings and is in a conservation area. The building of new houses which link Banbury to Hanwell is the opposite to conserving the rural beauty of the village.</p> <p>The plan is (I understand) contrary to Cherwell District Council's local plan and there is no real need for any more houses to be built in Banbury. It is a site that Cherwell District Council has assessed as not being suitable for building on.</p> <p>I understand that the proposed houses would be built on the far side of a protected piece of land, and they would be detrimental to the beautiful landscape that surrounds Hanwell and the countryside views north of Banbury.</p> <p>All too often, throughout the country, houses are being built on good quality farmland. If all these pieces of farmland were given the go-ahead for building, a significant amount of irretrievable farmland would be lost forever. Now is the time to put a stop to this overdevelopment of the country's farmland. Given recent events such as the Covid pandemic and the war in Ukraine, Government should be protecting our farmland for future generations to ensure that the country can produce as much of its own food as possible.</p> <p>As well as the potential loss of farmland, important wildlife habitat will be lost too - again something which is happening all over the country and needs addressing.</p> <p>The Covid pandemic also highlighted how the enjoyment of the countryside helped people's mental health. Destroying beautiful areas of land reduces the places people can enjoy and visit. I am sure that these new houses on the border of Hanwell would severely affect the mental well-being of all the villagers who live in Hanwell.</p> <p>More houses mean more people and increased traffic on an already busy road into Banbury, with added junctions onto the B4100. More people means an impact on infrastructure for example the services of schools, GP surgeries dentists and the hospital.</p> <p>Lastly, but most importantly - should this development be allowed, there is a significant likelihood that the other fields surrounding the development would, in time, also be built on, due to a precedent being set.</p> <p>We urge the council to refuse this application.</p>
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