

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	Jamie Hendry
Address	Rowarth House, Little Lane, Horley, Banbury, OX15 6BJ
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Dear Sirs,</p> <p>I am writing to strongly OBJECT to the proposed development for yet further new housing north of Banbury off Warwick Road on prime agricultural land. Having moved to Horley in 2020 we carefully studied the Local Plan to understand how far developments might encroach north of Banbury towards Hanwell and Horley. This proposal is in contradiction to the Local Plan and existing planning policy and as such should be rejected.</p> <p>The land north of Banbury has accepted unprecedented levels of development in recent years and this proposal will severely damage Hanwell's individual identity, with no planning policy to justify such.</p> <p>The proposal is contrary to the Cherwell Local Plan (and draft Plan) and related spatial planning policy; any building would result in the coalescence of the Banbury urban area and Hanwell village, also contrary to adopted planning policies. It had been previously agreed there would be no development beyond the mature tree boundary which exists between Hanwell and Hanwell Chase which is a clear demarcation between rural and urban settlements which is protected under existing planning policy.</p> <p>Cherwell District Council have previously assessed this land as "NOT SUITABLE" for development.</p> <p>There are no grounds for accepting this proposal based on housing supply as Cherwell District Council have demonstrated a 5.4 year housing supply for 2022-2027 (as stated by Planning Officer Imogen Hopkins). As such, this development would be in conflict with the Local Plan which seeks to distribute housing to the most sustainable locations.</p> <p>Any further development along the Warwick Road would result in piecemeal housing developments in the open countryside and create a ribbon development heading north out of Banbury, merging rural and urban settlements to the detriment of both, and in contradiction to existing planning policy.</p> <p>The proposal would immediately impact the local environment, erode prominent landscape features and result in the loss of vital green spaces. Hanwell (and neighbouring Horley) are Conservation Areas boasting many listed buildings; any further development boarding the Conservation Areas would negatively effect their settings.</p> <p>The proposal would further traffic congestion along the Warwick Road and put immense strain on existing local infrastructure including Doctor surgeries, detrimental to all residents. The proposal would cause the loss of high grade (predominantly Grade 2) farmland, crucial for sustainable farming and food security.</p> <p>I sincerely hope that Cherwell District Council will reject this application.</p> <p>Yours, Jamie Hendry</p>
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