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To Cherwell District Planning Department

I am writing to express my objection to the housing development proposal between Hanwell and Banbury. The proposed development would have a significant impact on the local environment, and I believe it would contravene several policies outlined in the Cherwell district local plan.

Firstly, the proposed development does not align with Policy ESD13 of the local plan, which requires new development to be located in sustainable locations. The site in question is not easily accessible by public transport and is located in a rural area. This would lead to an increase in car usage and carbon emissions, which is not in line with the council's commitment to sustainability.

Secondly, the proposed development is not in line with Policy C8 of the local plan, which requires that development should not harm the character or appearance of the landscape. This development would significantly impact the rural character of the area and would result in the loss of valuable green space.

Finally, the Housing and Economic Land Availability Assessment (HELAA) 2018 identified that there is sufficient land available for housing development in the district without encroaching into rural areas. Therefore, this proposal is unnecessary and goes against Policy C15 of the local plan, which requires that development should not harm the open countryside.

It would also place considerable additional strain on local facilities including the roads network and primary care services.

In light of these concerns, I strongly urge you to reject the proposed housing development between Hanwell and Banbury.

Sincerely,

