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 Fiona Sherlock **Address** Sunnyside, Main Street, Hanwell, Banbury, OX17 1HW **Type of Comment** Objection **Type** neighbour Comments I object to the planning application for 170 houses, submitted by Vistry Homes, for the following reasons: The proposed development site isn't allocated for development, so allowing the application would be contrary to the adopted Cherwell Local Plan 2011-2031 and related spatial planning policy. The proposal would harm the setting of the Hanwell Conservation Area and its heritage assets. The site is in the line of existing views of the church in the village. Views from the village would be obstructed. The proposal would result in the coalescence of the Banbury urban area and Hanwell, contrary to adopted planning policies. With CDC's latest housing land supply statement demonstrating that Cherwell has a 5.4 year housing supply for 2022-2027, there is no requirement for this development in contravention of the Local Plan. The proposal would harm an area of high landscape value. The current Local Plan identifies key landform and landscape features of value to be protected, including the open and agricultural setting and identity of the outlying villages surrounding Banbury, ironstone ridges and the historic village and parkland of Hanwell. The proposed site has been assessed by CDC as clearly "not suitable" for development. The draft of the emerging Local Plan 2040 does not allocate this site for development. The proposal would erode an important gap of undeveloped land that is protected under existing planning policy. The proposal is in the open countryside and beyond the established woodland green buffer

at the boundary of Banbury. It represents piecemeal housing development outside the strategic development of the Local Plan.

The proposal would harm the local environment and biodiversity. It would cause the loss of high-grade (Grade 2/3a) farmland, which is crucial for sustainable farming and food security.

The proposal would increased traffic congestion, access and safety problems. It would result in the loss of important public views and loss of green space amenities and infrastructure supporting existing settlements.

The proposal would increase the strain on existing local infrastructure and, alongside other housing development North of Banbury on sites not allocated in the Local Plan, would have a detrimental cumulative impact on the countryside beyond Banbury and towards Hanwell village.

Dentists are full and most aren't taking on new patients. Doctors are over subscribed and appointments can take weeks to get. The hospital is in constant threat of closure and can't cope with the numbers through its doors. The roads are shocking and not repaired adequately or at all and the proposed 170 houses would just add to an already crippled

town.

I have lived in Hanwell for 25 years and never have I seen the roads as bad as they are, the volume of traffic through the village as high as it is (the speed some drive through is frightening and even mount the pavement in their hurry to get from a to b). I am very concerned how more traffic through the village (even though the exit is onto the Warwick Road, a high number will cut through Hanwell) will have a detriment impact and an accident waiting to happen. Residents including myself, have lost beloved pets to the road, due to speed and impatience.

Please do the right thing and refuse this application.

Thank you.

Fiona Sherlock

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