

Application: 23/00853/OUT

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" at Land to the East of Warwick Road, Banbury.

This further **OBJECTION** is submitted in response to the applicant's additional information ("Technical Note 3"), added to the planning portal on 20 July 2023, following the incomplete Transport Assessment originally submitted.

The previously submitted objection¹ noted that the applicant's previously submitted conclusion (that "that there are no existing highway safety concerns") did not match the real-life experience of local residents.

Comments on additional information:

The additional information supplied by the applicant purports to include complete record of collision data. However, **this latest data is an incomplete record of collisions on roads near to the proposed development site**. The collision data, for the period from the 1st of January 2018 to the 20th of June 2023, omits the high-speed collision witnessed by villagers at the junction north of proposal site (between the B4100 and Main Street into Hanwell village) on 26 April 2022. Photographic evidence of this RTC, involving two vehicles and resulting in injuries, was supplied in the previous objection (linked in footnote below).

Validity of Transport Assessment:

The updated Transport Assessment has been shown to be factually inaccurate. **This must cast doubt on the conclusion by the applicant that the objection on grounds of highway impacts should be removed.**

The Planning Officer must weigh the applicant's assessment against the lived experience of residents of Hanwell village. The increase in traffic along the B4100 and through the village as a result of housing developments north of Banbury has contributed to highway safety concerns and hazards. Accidents and near-misses not considered in the Transport Assessment indicate that hazards would be greater than those assessed by the applicant.

Conclusion:

The application should be **REFUSED** as it contravenes numerous planning policies (extending far beyond those related to highway safety). These contraventions of policies have been consistently overlooked and understated by the applicant.

This latest submission by the applicant is a further attempt to understate the harms that the proposal will have, which demonstrably outweigh any benefits.

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