

Comment for planning application 23/03428/OUT

Application Number	23/03428/OUT
Location	OS Parcel 7921 South Of Huscote Farm And North West Of County Boundary Daventry Road Banbury
Proposal	Outline planning application for the construction of up to 140,000 sqm of employment floorspace (use class B8) with ancillary offices and facilities and servicing and infrastructure including new site accesses. Internal roads and footpaths, landscaping including earthworks to create development platforms and bunds, drainage features and other associated works including demolition of the existing farmhouse
Case Officer	Chris Wentworth
Organisation	
Name	Heidi Fowler
Address	18 Astrop Road, Middleton Cheney, Banbury
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I strongly object for the same reasons as previously outlined in the last 2 applications, If I was being cynical it could be argued that the timing of this application is deliberate, when people are busy with Christmas, in the hope that it would just pass by un-noticed.</p> <p>1)No public consultation has taken place, which should have been paramount and comprehensive for a development of this size. All surrounding villages and houses should have been informed and consulted as it will greatly impact them. 2)The application is contrary to public policy and was previously dismissed by the inspector in 2015. 3)The economic argument for job creation is weak, it is well documented that warehousing creates very little employment and what it does create is minimal low-skilled and low-paid, usually zero hours work, Banbury needs quality employment, not this. 4)There is no local need for this development, the previous development to the other side of the A361 of warehousing that has now been completed for a considerable amount of time, well over a year, is still not occupied and joins the myriad of empty warehouse, and office space in Banbury. They actually used little traffic as an argument to allow it as warehousing has less employment and therefore less traffic using the road, therefore contradicting the concept that it creates economic benefits. 5)Junction 11 of the M40, the A361, and A422 are already under serious pressure from traffic from the increased building works, warehousing surrounding it, and HS2 traffic. It cannot cope with any more construction or traffic, any incident or accident on the M40 already causes serious issues to local roads, and the town and access roads become gridlocked. This will only impact the local highways further. Banbury is already unable to cope with the current traffic daily and it often takes 30 or 40 mins just to make a 3 or 4-mile journey, this will only add to the problem. 6)Flooding potential of flattening sloped access, with houses and farms in the vicinity at the top of the hill, subsidence would be a severe concern. 7)Further erosion of rural land, that creates natural habitats for wildlife and an attractive screening from the M40 traffic, noise, and pollution for local homes and villages. This destruction of a rural aspect is detrimental to the surrounding area. 8)Looking at the neighbor's consultation list why have properties that are within a very short distance of the proposed site, and who will be the closest neighbors not been contacted or informed? 9)Overdevelopment of a rural site, creating further unnecessary urbanization of rural areas. 10)Given that Cherwell District Council have stated we have a climate emergency in the district and Hennef way traffic pollution is extremely high, this will only make things worse and would in no way alleviate any of the current issues. I would strongly urge the council to reject this application and do so without delay, failure to make timely decisions always these kind of applications to pursue other avenues to approval when local councils do not act promptly on decision making.</p>
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