Comment for planning application 23/03428/OUT

| Application Number | 23/03428/OUT | |
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| Location | OS Parcel 7921 South Of Banbury | Huscote Farm And North West Of County Boundary Daventry Road |
| 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 infastructure 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 | Kirsten Tisdale | |
| Address | Upstone House, Thorpe Road, Wardington, Banbury, OX17 1SP | |
| Type of Comment | Objection | |
| Туре | neighbour | |
| Comments | Although I work in logistics, I strongly disagree with agricultural land/pasture that can be used to grow food/feed livestock being built on, for this or any other purpose, particularly when the UK is suffering availability issues and having to import so much food. | |
| | The volume of food that is being bought is down because of the cost of living crisis. The non- food ecommerce boom (most food ecom is from supermarket stores), which was fuelled by Covid lockdowns, has now tailed off, and this reduction is likely to continue with inflation. With that, the need for further warehousing in this country is also tailing off - see slide 6: http://www.aricia.ltd.uk/Temp/2022_A_fresh_context_for_logistics_090622.pdf - and because many of the official figures are in value rather than volume, that tail off is more pronounced than may be apparent. | |
| | The warehouses that have been built on the adjacent plot to that of this planning application have not yet been let, emphasising the points above. And although not in the Cherwell area, the fact that Amazon is seeking a tenant for a 736Ksqft Fulfilment Centre gives a feel for the level of need for warehousing in the UK: https://www.logisticsmatters.co.uk/Amazon-letting-Peterborough-mega-shed | |
| | The council itself was going to reject the previous application on a number of grounds before the applicant withdrew: https://modgov.cherwell.gov.uk/mgAi.aspx?ID=24609 As far as I'm aware, all the points in this document still stand and I hope that the council maintains its position. | |
| | From a totally NIMBY perspective, we are very lucky to live in such a lovely rural environment, and while I accept that no-one has a right to beauty, I think it's a real shame to let urban sprawl occur rather than building on brownfield sites. | |
| | If this development does go ahead, an additional motorway junction for Banbury is a prerequisite, as it is already very difficult to access the J11 roundabout from the A361 at certain times. | |
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| Attachments | | |