

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	Helen Harman
Address	18 Horton Close, Middleton Cheney, Banbury
Type of Comment	Objection
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>I object to this application based on:</p> <p>1/ Traffic congestion and pollution levels Now: The area around the proposed development is already a high-volume traffic area with high pollution levels due in part to significant idling traffic on and around the junction. Peak time traffic, accidents or roadworks on, in, and around the M40 junction and approach roads bring the area to a standstill on a regular basis. Immediate future: Two (soon to be three) warehouses adjacent to the M40 (Frontier Park) stand empty - when they become fully operational increased traffic/operational activities will cause higher emissions readings - impacting AQM, and causing daily gridlock, delays and misery for all road users. Future: The anticipated high-level increase in traffic movement (lorries, vans and cars) from this proposal will further exacerbate the situation, especially given no satisfactory or funded plans to improve the road infrastructure/M40 junction.</p> <p>2. Local business and community needs The 3 Frontier Park warehouses are still not operational, 2 of these empty since 2020! Given that these and many others stand empty in and around the district how can there possibly be any justification for building more warehouses/facilities?</p> <p>The Authority has already refused applications for development of this site with valid reasons. It is also evident from the number of objections to this new proposal that residents, local communities, care homes and schools don't need or want increased pollution (noise/emissions/light etc) and further traffic congestion negatively impacting their daily lives, health and wellbeing - please listen and refuse this application.</p> <p>3. Flooding and drains The local flood defence system, rivers and canals were all placed under enormous pressure in January due to flooding with many areas - recreational, residential, and businesses dramatically affected. This clearly demonstrates an already fragile infrastructure; a development of this size would have a detrimental impact on, and exacerbate, floodwaters running into adjacent low-lying areas making more regular flooding inevitable. Improvements to the flood defence system would be extremely expensive and presumably at cost payers expense - impossible with no budget provision and MTS projected shortfalls.</p> <p>4. Negative impact on landscape, wildlife and environment There will be a dramatic and negative impact on both the landscape and wildlife if this application is approved. Many of the birds in the area are already being monitored under your biodiversity policy due to a current declining trend. The site is currently greenfield agricultural land and is full of mature hedgerows, trees, ponds and other important wildlife habitats - currently home to a wide range of wildlife that need our protection.</p> <p>Finally, how does the significant increase expected in all types of emissions (heat, light, odours and noise) sit alongside the Council's Air Quality action plan, its duties under the Environment Act and the published climate emergency ambitions?</p>

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