

Comments on Local Plan 2031- Proposed Housing Development East Hanney

200 Houses on East Side of 338 East Hanney

My comments and objections are:

1 Disproportionate number of 200 new houses concentrated on one site – totally changing distinct character of village and environment. The new housing development on one site could become a dormitory area and almost inevitably a creeping “in fill” suburb of Grove – contributing little to village and community life..

2 Without supporting infrastructure of additional school facilities, shops, leisure facilities, footpaths, cycle tracks, public transport – practically doubling the size of the existing community, the whole ethos of village life will vanish.

3 Houses need to be built where there are jobs to reduce traffic congestion and the need to build more roads, for example, new housing development on the sites of the proposed new “Science Hubs” in Oxford, Culham, Harwell . It is unlikely that the residents of the proposed additional 200 houses in East Hanney will be working or employed in the village – so there will inevitably be a huge traffic increase. We need to encourage people out of their cars to use improved public transport links and cycle tracks. (The county Transport Plan needs to consider the provision of a fast and frequent Light Rail/Tram system on a circuit linking :-

Wantage/Grove/Hanney/Marchamr/Abingdon/Oxford/Culham/Area/Milton Park/Didcot/Harwell/Wantage.

4 The suggested “Garden Village” with associated facilities and infrastructure along the Steventon Road – could be seen as a viable alternative – thus preserving the character of existing local villages.

I have been unable to add my comments on the website

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