

REPRESENTATIONS AND OBJECTIONS TO THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT TO THE SOUTH OF EAST HANNEY

Flooding (UNSOUND AND UNJUSTIFIED—4(2) of the form)

East Hanney is prone to flooding and has experienced floods in 2007 and 2014. In 2007, 15 to 20% of the houses in the village flooded. Any upstream development will significantly increase the flooding risk to the existing village. There are already proposals for many houses in Grove and Wantage to be built which are upstream of the village of East Hanney. The proposed development South of East Hanney must increase the amount of water passing through East Hanney via the Letcombe Brook and would very likely increase the risk of flooding.

The Hanney's have already been classes as on a flood plain by the responsible authority and flood insurance for all properties is becoming very difficult to secure without extreme premiums.

Sewerage (UNSOUND —4(2) of the form)

The sewerage works for the area are currently at full capacity and already problems have started to occur. The proposed development represents at least a sixty per cent increase of sewage generated from East Hanney. There will not be sufficient capacity to manage the increased levels of sewage from those new houses not only at East Hanney but also those at Grove. A higher risk of exposure to sewage problems for villagers would be inevitable, especially if flooding occurs there is with a much higher risk of unpleasant and infectious exposures.

Ecology and Biodiversity (UNSOUND AND UNJUSTIFIED—4(2) of the form)

The site proposed includes a recognised and protected wild life site along the Letcombe Brook which is known to be home to important and vulnerable species. An irreversible loss of wild life is inevitable if these breeding grounds are disrupted or destroyed.

The site also includes a 'green field site' and an ancient orchard that is over 100 years old. It appears quite irresponsible to destroy these when there are other local 'brown field sites' nearby of greater suitability.

Schools

The small primary school in East Hanney is full. Children from the village are already facing the need to attend alternative schools; the proposed development will make the situation for very young children and their parents quite untenable without significant contingency and education infrastructure plans.

Roads and Access (UNSOUND —4(2) of the form)

Traffic from the additional dwellings from Grove and the East Hanney development joining the A338 will significantly increase congestion along the A338 which is already increasingly congested during rush hours. Village roads are already very busy and part of the road running through the main part of the village is only wide enough for single file traffic and has no footpath.

There is very little employment in the village and therefore residents in the new development will be obliged to travel to their employment thus increasing travelling time, pollution and congestion.

Village Identity (UNSOUND —4(2) of the form)

The development of 200 homes will increase the size of the existing village by over 60%. At present there are approximately 300 homes in East Hanney. This new development will damage our existing quality of life, the community and the local environment.

I believe that East Hanney has been ranked a *large* village. Some of the points awarded to make the village *large* on the Vale's scoring system were on account of the volunteer run tiny village shop and a library van which will be discontinuing in the New Year. This is quite ridiculous, as the size of a village can only be judged by the size of its *population*. Other villages with populations considerably greater than East Hanney have NOT been classed as large or demarcated for development. One village in the Vale has over 1,000 homes and has only been allocated a development site for 220 houses, increasing the total number of homes by just 22% .Compare this with the almost 60% increase in homes for East Hanney and the potential complete destruction of the nature and identity of East Hanney.

Integration with the existing community¹ (UNSOUND AND UNSUSTAINABLE —4(2) of the form)

The village roads are narrow and constricted by Letcombe Brook which runs through the village and are of a historic nature within a conservation area. There is no room for new footpaths or pavements. In some parts of our village there are no footpaths and no existing pedestrian links between the proposed site and the existing village services which are unlit, (as they are in most *small* villages) and present a great danger to young children.

Heritage (UNSOUND —4(2) of the form)

The proposed site is south of East Hanney and adjacent to a conservation area. It is close to some of the many listed buildings and will seriously compromise their appearance and outlook. The character of the village cannot be preserved with a proposed development of this size. In addition important historical architectural artefacts have been found on this land and I believe the ancient manor house of the village was sighted there. Development on this site would stop any further exploration of the historical architectural value of this site

Consultation (UNSOUND AND ILLEGAL—4(2) of the form)

The consultation in spring 2014 related to a site to the east of East Hanney. Suddenly, this was abandoned and the site to the south of East Hanney adopted. I am not aware of any consultation with the residents of East Hanney on this change which is a statutory obligation.

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