



HFDAG - Hanwell Fields Development Action Group

**Cherwell District Council must be brave change their plan and reject speculation**

*The final NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework)*

Banbury Civic Society, in their Issue 20 Quarterly News, and in supported of better development in Banbury say,

"Now the final NPPF (National Planning Policy Framework) has been published, it is clear that edge-of-town greenfield suburban development should not ...be classified as *sustainable*."

and,

"Changes mean to the NPPF ... mean that where brownfield sites, such as Canalside, Councils need not allow themselves to be railroaded into approving harmful, greenfield developments."

Clearly all of the plans in the new Cherwell District Council's Local Plan 2012, at West Bretch Hill, North Hanwell Fields and Southam Road are exactly the sites the NPPF says must *not* be developed.

HFDAG has already pointed out that these sites are in any case not needed and just represent planning applications by land speculators. Residents of Hanwell Fields have

already been approached by two companies seeking support for over 1100 houses in North Hanwell and Southam Road/Hardwick Farm, both sites in the greenbelt and North of Dukes Meadow Drive, the well defined northern limit of Banbury since 1997.

We call on CDC to be brave and reject summarily all new speculative proposals in any of Banbury's greenbelt, especially to the North where the rising land creates a unique setting for the town and re-enforces its boundary. To do otherwise would be to encourage "sprawl" which is clearly against government policy.

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