

# **The Democratic Deficit**

1. Lack of public input & the Localism Act
2. Elected members where's the support from CDC and Banbury Town Council
3. Banbury Master plan where is it ?
4. The north - south divide (key point)



**The North**

**South Divide**

**These are extracts from the Cherwell Council Design Brief for the development of Hanwell Fields 1997.**

**This brief originated from the council planning department...not the developers, not the land owners, but Cherwell Council.**

## **“P2. point 1.3.1 Location.**

**The land allocated for development at Hanwell Fields is located on the northern extremity of Banbury and will form the new urban edge to this side of town. The objective is to create an urban form and new urban edge which appears organic in character, relating to land form and local colour and therefore specifically distinctive as Banbury”**

## **“P2. point 1.3.2 Prospect.**

**The topography of the site affords extensive views generally northerly over the Area of High Landscape Value. From the proposed westerly neighbourhood park a 270 degree panorama may be enjoyed. Development should be located so as to enable as many people as possible to enjoy these views.”**

**The following are extracts from the Notice  
of Decision on BAN5  
Refusal of Permission for Development  
November 2006**

**“The proposed development by reason of its location on the periphery of the town and limited mix of land use would not create a sustainable extension with a range of uses and appropriate infrastructure”**



**“The proposed development would result in the introduction of an urban extension in to the open countryside beyond the established built up area of Banbury”**

**Dukes Meadow Drive IS  
the northern boundary  
as designated by  
Cherwell Council**

**Dukes Meadow Drive IS  
a Clear and Defensible  
Boundary.**

**Can the same be said to the South ?**

**Why are Cherwell Council  
opposing development to  
the **South**, but supporting  
development to the **North** ?**

The HFDAG last resort – a proposed solution **IF** Ban 5 is selected.

**So is there a solution ?**

**Yes**

**HFDAG** have never been against housing. We understand the **need for growth, for communities and for living.** What we oppose is the **numbers, the locations and their reasons.** Most importantly we oppose this council for being **undemocratic, untrustworthy and above all, the inability to listen.**  
**To listen to us.**

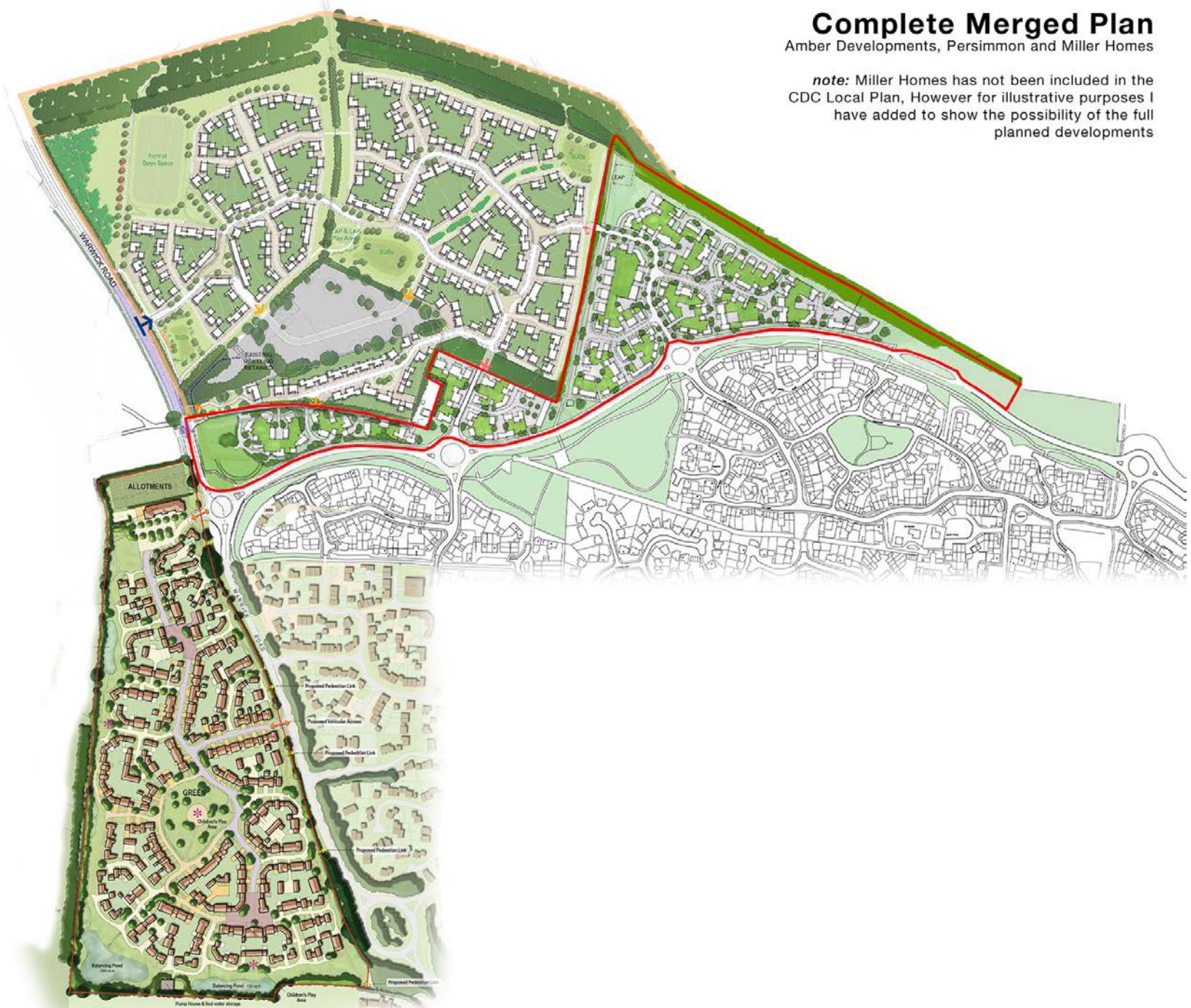
We know we have to accept housing, even though a recently commissioned report states that North of Banbury is the least sustainable option to accommodate these developments. We have an alternative. **One that the council should consider, one that we support, one that will fulfil the housing requirement and one that will work.**



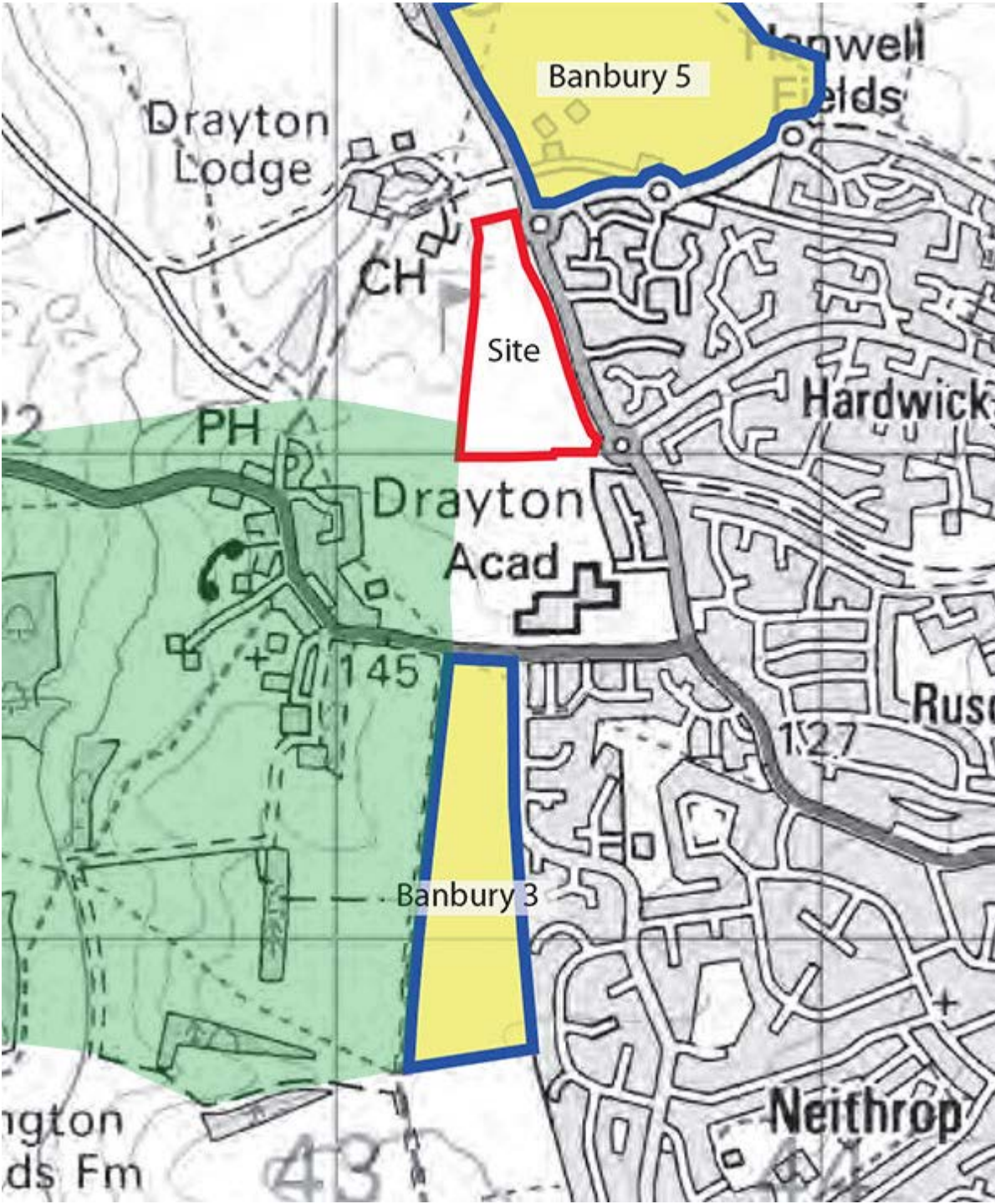
**WEST OF WARWICK RD**

Amber Developments, Persimmon and Miller Homes

**note:** Miller Homes has not been included in the CDC Local Plan, However for illustrative purposes I have added to show the possibility of the full planned developments







## CDC reasons for removal of Warwick Road

1. It's a reserve site
2. It breaches the western boundary
3. It interferes with the Drayton Conservation Area

## ***NEW HFDAG STATEMENT***

“The Warwick Road site is one that local residents would prefer over the proposed development at Hanwell Fields and with both applications having now been submitted we feel strongly that Council has a choice to make. We hope it is listening to the views of local people when it is coming to a decision on these two applications and that they reject Hanwell Fields.

We also note that the Warwick Road application has been submitted ahead of the Hanwell Fields application being decided, so the Council should carefully consider the strategic position of which site is best and we have spoken loudly and clearly that Hanwell Fields is not the right site for development.

Warwick Road would help Cherwell fulfil its land supply issues without having to accept Hanwell Fields, and we feel strongly that if the Councillors listen to the views of local people they could not reach any other conclusion but to reject Hanwell Fields and support the Warwick Road site.”















