



Letter to Cherwell District Councillors

An on-going debate is being conducted in Cherwell District Council about the application by Persimmion to build homes across green fields at North Hanwell (known as BAN5 on the new proposed Local Plan). There are many strong reasons why this should not go ahead and Hanwell Fields Development Action Group has set these out in front of meetings with Councillors and the Planning Department.

To re-emphasise the arguments this letter has just been sent to Councillors summarising our objections.

Dear Councillors

We urge you to defer this planning application on the grounds of it being a premature application whilst the Local Plan is still being considered. We would welcome the opportunity for the planning inspector to make a proper and informed decision on the sustainability of this site and its application. Furthermore this council should reject any applications until proof of demand can be ascertained by the development of Bankside and Canalside.

We would also argue that this application is beyond the boundary of Banbury and by your own claims would breach current planning policy. Again this development should be rejected until such policy is amended and formalised.

Sue Smith has confirmed in writing that Cherwell Council are sticking to the previous housing numbers as per the South East Plan. This plan has been revoked. We would like to see this council re-evaluate the current proposed numbers and base housing supply on factual evidence, rather than old, out-dated, old government projections.

Other councils are complying with this new method and we don't see why Cherwell Council can't do the same.

This application goes against democracy, it goes against common sense and it goes against the wishes of local residents.

Many Thanks

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The reports can be found at [www.cherwell.gov.uk/LocalPlan 2013](http://www.cherwell.gov.uk/LocalPlan%202013)
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