

Dear neighbour,

Many of you may know that Blenheim has submitted an **application to build 180 houses** on the site east of Hill Rise. That's **FIVE** years of construction.

The deadline for objecting is **Thursday 11th March 2021.**

If you oppose this development, please make your voice heard to West Oxfordshire District Council.

This can make a real difference. It is your **LAST CHANCE.** You can **object by** either:

Commenting via their website by going to:

<https://publicaccess.westoxon.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple>
(type "Land East of Hill Rise" in the Search box and then click on "Comments").

We'll add a summary list of these documents to our website, or please email or phone.

Writing to: Planning Department, West Oxfordshire District Council,

Elmfield, New Yatt Road, Witney, OX28 1 PB (Ref. 21/00189/FUL), or

Telephoning the Council to object – tel. 01993 861000

Please also sign the **online petition at** <http://chnq.it/VPT5JZNf> (this is not instead of objecting).

You can object on many different grounds. We've made suggestions below but you can put in any objection that is relevant, including personal experiences you may have had. You can comment more than once.

Policy/Principle: The WODC Local Plan said that the site could accommodate 120 houses. The application is for 180 houses in total – a 50% increase. There is no justification for this increase.

Infrastructure: If this development went ahead it would, together with the other Blenheim developments in Woodstock, result in a 41% increase in the population of Woodstock (Blenheim's figures). The infrastructure of Woodstock cannot cope with such an increase: schools (WUFA, Primary and Secondary), GP surgery, chemist, parking in Woodstock and the small library housed in the Museum are already under pressure. (In fact, the Primary School is currently full.)

Highways: There is no safe pedestrian or cycle route to town, to the schools or to the other proposed development at Banbury Road. The footways on the A44 are very narrow in places and too dangerous for pushchairs and wheelchairs. The A44 has pinch points (especially at the Black Prince) and the increased traffic on the A44 would make it even more dangerous.

Effect on Local Ecology: There are bats, deer, badgers, dormice, skylarks and other birds that will be affected as well as other creatures like grass snakes and slow worms.

Design and Layout: Parking barns are unattractive, three storey buildings of up to 13m high are out of keeping with the locality, density of houses is unacceptable.

Increased Danger of Flooding: Perhaps flooding issues have affected you.

Landscape: The existing public right of way through the field will become a road. Boundaries of the site extend further than allowed in the Local Plan. The tranquillity and open space of the fields would be lost forever.

Neighbourliness: The field is currently used by many local residents, ramblers and dog walkers for recreational purposes, much more so during Lockdown. Local residents meet in the fields and this creates a sense of community which would be lost.

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