

**SOUTHERN AREA PLANNING COMMITTEE 15th January 2015
SCHEDULE OF ADDITIONAL CORRESPONDENCE**

Agenda Item 7a

**Plan List Item 1 13/02543/OUT - Erect 28 dwellings and Local Health Centre on land to north and north east of Matron's College Farm, change of use of land south east of Matron's College Farm from agricultural to allotments, develop new access adjacent to Oakridge Office Park
At Matrons College Farm, Castle Lane, Whaddon, Salisbury, SP5 3EQ**

One letter of representation received from John Glen M.P. for Salisbury. This letter to be produced in full for Members and other interested parties at Committee – Appendix 1

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RE: Alderbury Health Hub, part of application 13/02543/OUT (Matrons College Farm)

Dear Committee and Officers,

I write to express my concern about one of the applications that I understand is due to come before you on Thursday, recommended for refusal.

I have for some time been following with interest the development of plans for a new health hub to serve the village of Alderbury – providing much needed day care and clinics for the elderly population as well as a training base for community nurses and care providers.

I would, of course, not presume to comment on the planning merits of the development, a judgement which is rightly yours to make.

However, I feel it would be neglectful of me not to make you aware that the facilities proposed on this site have direct relevance to a substantial and growing proportion of my day to day casework and therefore the needs of a significant number of South Wiltshire's elderly residents.

Few of us can be unaware of the vast strain on existing social housing and the demand for more village homes from local people and young families – issues which frequently crop up in my advice surgeries in relation to Alderbury.

However, my main observations lie around community care and health provision in and around Alderbury. I am in contact on a daily basis with care recipients and their families, deeply anxious and distressed about missed, rushed and late visits from care staff.

I have visited disabled and housebound constituents in their homes for whom these visits are their only human contact during the day – not to mention vital to their comfort and personal dignity.

Having discussed the situation in great detail with the Service Director, I know that Wiltshire has taken great strides towards addressing the scheduling crisis caused by the transition to a new care contractor.

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However, progress in the Salisbury area is being hampered by challenges in recruiting sufficient numbers of quality care staff.

I was therefore much encouraged by the prospect of a training hub being established in Alderbury and by the offer of day care for which there is an enormous unmet demand, particularly south of Salisbury, where there is insufficient provision.

I know of one lady in Alderbury who recently died alone after carers, dropping by on spec and finding her door unanswered, failed to raise the alarm. It seems clear to me that, had she been expected at regular, scheduled day care sessions, she would have been missed and the alert raised far sooner.

In addition, plans to use the health hub to provide assistance with washing and personal care and to provide simple physiotherapy and rehabilitation after injury are extremely welcome. This provision will help many more people who have had falls to regain their independence more quickly, reducing the burden on busy care staff.

The way the elderly are cared for and integrated in their communities and the importance of anticipating the needs of our ageing population is a recurring theme in my postbag - and for good reason.

The fact that the commitment to provide ongoing funding to run such a facility has already been secured is, to me, a powerful endorsement of the recognised need for an Alderbury health hub.

When considering whether to grant approval, I would simply ask that the profound good that could be done by such a superb community facility be fully weighed up and balanced against whatever planning concerns you may have.

with very best regards

John

John Glen MP
Member of Parliament for Salisbury

Agenda Item 7b

**Plan List Item 2 14/07832/OUT – Outline planning application for mixed use development comprising 18 dwellings and site access arrangements and a community building and associated recreation ground and parking
At Land off the A338 and Bourne View, Allington**

Correction to the reason for refusal in the officers report –

The first reason for refusal in the officers recommendation should be replaced with the following

- 1) The application site is located in the countryside and so outside of any settlement defined in the South Wiltshire Core Strategy and the emerging Wiltshire Core Strategy (including the 'large village' settlement of Allington).

The 'Settlement Strategy' and 'Delivery Strategy' set out at Policies CP1 and CP2 of the existing and emerging Core Strategies state that in the interests of sustainability new development will be focused at the defined settlements only, in forms and at scales appropriate to the size and character of the settlements with a settlement hierarchy, or on other suitable allocated land or previously developed land, and not in other settlements or the countryside. It follows that the proposal, by reason of its location in the countryside, is unacceptable as a matter of principle, failing to accord with the strategies of the core strategies and so comprising unsustainable development in this context.

There are no material considerations which outweigh this fundamental policy position, including the proposals to provide a site for a parish hall/community centre, sports pitch and affordable housing. The Core Strategies are relevant and up-to-date, and demonstrate an adequate supply of land for new housing in the housing market area in any event.

Further correspondence from the applicants -

The applicants have asked that the following be pointed out to members -

That when canvassed by the parish council 87% of villagers were in support of the application. Whilst the officers report states "there is some village support" This only reflects the letters of representation received during the course of the application. The statement of community involvement submitted with the application makes it clear that there was much wider support from the community for the development when canvassed.

The applicant would like to make it clear that it was the village Hall steering committee of Allington Parish Council who approached the landowner looking for a site for the village Hall rather than the other way around.

The officer report under highway comments appears to imply that there are still drawings awaited from the Highways department we are not aware that this is the case as cross sections of the Highway access have now been provided.

Officer comment- This is correct there are no further drawings awaited from the applicants those requested by the highways officer have been supplied by the applicant and the Highways officers have now raised no objection to the scheme.

The applicant is very happy to sit down with the councils ecologist and see what we can do together to mitigate the ecology impact of the development. It was never our intention to leave just one run of trees on the Bourne View boundary. The applicant thinks that a sit down with the councils ecologist, the Environmental Health Officer and the applicants consultants at Reserved matters stage should be able to sort all of these problems out. They are not fixed on the layout and very willing to be flexible with the design to allow all parties to achieve what they want.

Agenda Item 7b

**Plan List Item 2 14/10256/FUL – Construction of 2 storey side extension and conversion of existing house to create 4 no. 1 bed flats with off-road parking
At 46 Tournament Road, Salisbury, SP2 9LG**

The Town Council Comments should be amended as follows:

‘SCC does recognise the need for 1 bed flats, however does object to this application due to over development and loss of neighbouring amenity’

