

Examination of Wiltshire Housing Site Allocation Plan (WHSAP) - Site H2.6
Failure of Separation between Trowbridge & Southwick

I wish to draw the Inspector's attention to the proposed location of site H2.6 which is outside the Trowbridge Parish & Settlement Boundaries, yet on its very edge, and in the parish of Southwick. The location of this development is totally unjustified and could naturally lead to both parishes becoming a continuous urban sprawl. And this is against Wiltshire Council policy.

In fact Wiltshire Core Strategy (Adopted Jan 2015) -Trowbridge Area Strategy; Core Policy 29: Spatial Strategy for the Trowbridge Community Area - **in para 5.150** - Specific Issues to be addressed in planning for the Trowbridge Community Area include: **see sub para 6, and I quote** - "*it is recognised that the villages surrounding Trowbridge, particularly Hilperton, **Southwick** North Bradley and West Ashton, have separate and distinct identities as villages. **Open countryside should be maintained to protect the character and identity of these villages as separate communities.***"

Wiltshire Council in preparing the WHSAP, has failed to address and justify this violation of its own core strategy and policy and hence the devastating impact this proposed development would have on the communities of both southern Trowbridge and Southwick. The green buffer with its agriculture land will be gone and replaced by concrete & tarmac.

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Vehicle access from the North

I wish to draw the Inspector's attention to **Table G.9 Site 3565 - Southwick Court, Step 1, Accessibility**, para 2, on Page 113, which is unsound & I quote:-

"Vehicular access/egress to the site would need to be holistically ***and sensitively*** planned ***to conserve heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance***. Potential vehicular, pedestrian and cycling routes through existing built form to the immediate north on to Silver Street Lane would likely need to be explored due to on-site constraints such as potential flood risk and heritage impact"

During the consultation process, repeated representations were made to Wiltshire Council, to recognize the legitimate anxiety and concern of residents and confirm that vehicle access/egress to the site from the north through Sandringham & Balmoral Rds from Silver St Lane would not be allowed.

To use these roads for access would require building a new road through the communal open space & historic protected hedgerow & a bridge across the brook.

This access would be in breach of the original planning approval & conditions for the Home Farm Development in 1971, which stipulated:-

(1) "The area of land shown edged green on the approved plan shall be reserved for communal open spaces purposes, & shall be satisfactorily maintained by the Trowbridge Urban District Council for such purposes".

(2) "Existing hedges & trees on the site shall be maintained".

This open space which contains mature trees, & has provided a safe recreational area for local adults & children for over 40 years, would be ruined.

A conservative estimate of the increase in vehicle movements is 900 a day (180 x 2.5 cars per house x 2 journeys/day + deliveries). Therefore the impact of this 4 fold increase in vehicle traffic would devastate the environment & safety of the current neighbourhood, & completely change the character of a quiet cul-de-sac into a very busy thoroughfare.

Please can Page 113, para. 2, be amended to include the following addition (shown in red):-

Vehicular access/egress to the site would need to be holistically ***and sensitively*** planned ***to conserve heritage assets in a manner appropriate to their significance, and is excluded from the immediate north to Silver St Lane through existing built form.***

I trust you agree with this small addition, which will have a dramatic impact on the lives of residents in the immediate area.

Yours faithfully,

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