

Wiltshire Council

Amesbury Area Board

24 November 2011

Petition from Mrs Dawn Watson

Subject: Use of the Steeple Langford Allotment Gardens for the construction of Affordable Homes

Petition Text:

“We the undersigned petition the council to prevent the use of the Steeple Langford Allotment Gardens for the construction of Affordable Homes. We accept the principles of Affordable Homes, which are for rental or purchase by First Time Buyers or those registered with Wiltshire Council’s Homes4Wiltshire scheme, but are firmly against the use of the Allotment Gardens for this purpose. Steeple Langford Allotment Gardens are potentially of high importance as a wildlife habitat.

The proposed construction falls on the boundary of a Conservation area and within the Cranborne Chase and West Wiltshire Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. Development of the site would provide a detrimental effect on the visual impact on the Village and surrounding environment.

The initial proposal included very limited consideration for parking facilities, which is not in keeping with current expectations of the numbers of cars per household. There is no reason to believe that, with the number of properties being proposed in this development, that this would not remain an issue. Additional parking would be unavoidable on the street in Salisbury Road which already has limited visibility therefore presenting unacceptable highway safety.

The allotment gardens are fully utilised, albeit some of the ground is currently rented for sheep and horse grazing. There is however, an expectation in the current economy that there will be further demand for future allotment use.”