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Dear Ian,

Wiltshire Council Housing Site Allocation Plan Examination – Site 2.4 Church Lane

Thank you for your email regarding the WHSAP Examination. In addition to my previous responses as part of the consultation process carried out by Wiltshire Council, I would like to respond to the following particular points raised by the Inspector:

Matter 2: Consistency with the Wiltshire Core Strategy (WCS)

Issue 4: Has the site selection process for housing allocations been soundly based?

4.2 Were reasonable alternatives considered and tested? Are the reasons for selecting the preferred sites and rejecting others clear?

I object to the way in which site 2.4 was selected whilst others discounted as WC were not thorough in their research of the site. It was not until the public consultation that local residents made WC aware of the heritage assets at the site (7 listed buildings and a medieval watermeadow). All of the listed building can be clearly found on WC own planning website (listed building search) and should have been identified as part of the desk study in the previous stages of the strategy. WC did not carry out the most basic of investigation in the early stages. The site should have been discounted at an earlier stage.

Yours sincerely,

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