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Examination of Wiltshire Housing Site Allocation Plan. Re Legality issues pertaining to Site : H2.6

Wiltshire Councils Core strategy for Trowbridge which was adopted in January 2015 (Core policy 29) has proved to be an inconvenience to Wiltshire County Council who have driven a coach and horses through it in little more than two years since the policy was written.

This stated unambiguously that among others, villages such as Southwick and North Bradley should have separate and distinct identities as villages. Open countryside should be maintained to protect the character and identity of these villages as separate communities.

A part of my garden adjoins the Trowbridge boundary stream and looks onto Southwick Court Fields. This stream takes excess water from the proposed development fields and flood plain water into Lambrock stream.

The hedgerows and trees that border the feeder stream are several hundred years old and legally protected, though I am quite sure that this would not concern Wiltshire County Council one bit. But what of the bat population that thrives on everything they need close by to help sustain their natural habitat? My wife and I moved in to our house in November 1973 and not one year had gone by without us enjoying their presence. To be in the garden of an evening while they feed on insects, is a delight to behold and senses as they fly past us with millimetres to spare.

Yours faithfully,

Paul Elphick.