

Written Statement – 16th April Hearing – Mr A Stewart (1132165)

I am contacting you regarding your request for comments on the proposed Ridgeway farm site in Crudwell.

My family and I live next door to the proposed site. I have previously submitted comments on the proposal.

As you would expect, given our proximity, we are not in favour of the proposal but that is not the basis of my objection;

The proposed site is a greenfield site which is outside the bounds of permissible development. The field is full of wildlife and used for cattle as it should continue to be and as one would expect in the country side. My neighbour's house has been on the market for over a year for much less than the so called affordable housing built on the site of the barns at Ridgeway farm so I do not understand the need for Wiltshire to allocate housing in Crudwell because supply in the Housing Market Area is good and the Wiltshire Core Strategy states that development in Large Villages should be limited to "small sites" to meet local needs, which has already been done on the site of the barns at Ridgeway farm.

Furthermore Our Neighbourhood Plan is progressing extremely well (Reg14 Consultation took place in November/December 2018) and is planning to allocate land to meet identified needs. The Council's and Government's Localism agenda is best served by allowing the Parish to determine its own future which it is currently making every effort to do.