



## Shaw Residents' Association

For the Residents of Peatmoor, Sparcells, Nine Elms, Middleleaze, Shaw, Ramleaze, the Prinnels, Eastleaze and Westlea (West)

2 September 2017

Dear Councillor

**Re: planning application S/16/1832 | Erection of 4no. dwellings and associated works. | Land at Brook Cottage Hay Lane Grange Park Swindon SN5 3PA**

This application is within the Essential Setting of Lydiard Park. Should it be approved, the Shaw Residents' Association believes it would cause considerable harm to the 'heritage experience'<sup>1</sup> of Lydiard Park, and likely result in Taylor Wimpey returning with their, previously withdrawn, application to build 48 houses within the same Essential Setting.

We would like to remind you of the (almost) unanimously approved September 2016 full Council motion:

*"This Council notes with grave concern the planning application by Taylor Wimpey to build in view of St Mary's Church and Lydiard House within the area of Wiltshire Council.*

*This Council requests that the Cabinet Member responsible for Lydiard write to the relevant Wiltshire Council planning committee expressing this Council's unequivocal objection to such a development."*

As a result, and following widespread and well argued opposition, Taylor Wimpey withdrew their application.

Whether it is a submission to build one, four, or 48 houses within the Essential Setting of Lydiard Park, the harm caused by approval would be significant both in terms of the specific application and the precedent it would set.

We therefore request that you apply the same '*unequivocal objection*', agreed as a result of Taylor Wimpey's proposals, to this Brook Cottage application.

Thank you.

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Shaw Residents' Association Chair

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<sup>1</sup> NPPF (March 2012); Page 56, Annex 2: Glossary - '*Setting of a heritage asset: the surroundings in which a heritage asset is experienced*'.