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Lee Burman, Senior Planning Officer, Wiltshire Council, Monkton Park, Chippenham.

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Dear Mr. Burman,

Re. App 19/04598 Land south of Hook Street

We object to this application on the following grounds.

It is not an allocated site. It was not included in the sites discussed at the Housing Sites Allocation Plan Inquiry as a Wiltshire Council potential site.

Wiltshire Council can show a satisfactory 5 year Housing Land Supply now, and with sites allocated under the sites allocation plan will meet the need until 2026.

The fact that it is being put forward as a Swindon housing numbers shortfall site is not in our view a material consideration.

The Core Strategy is under review and it will be through that consultation process that sites such this should be considered for the period beyond 2026.

The site lies within the Essential Setting of Lydiard Park and its designated landscape. Lengthy discussions have previously taken place with regard to earlier proposals and their detrimental impact on the Park and House, with protective policy restraints being upheld.

We have concerns about the use of Hook Street for increased traffic. The applicant makes it quite clear that, despite only applying for one small area at present, they intend to seek permission for the remainder of their land holding (see Application Boundary Plan)

This raises a fundamental question with regard to Wiltshire Council requiring a full Transport Assessment based on development of the entire land holding to establish whether or not the road network is capable of carrying the numbers which would be generated by development of this area as a whole. It is to be expected that this would be discussed through the consultation process of the Core Strategy. No development should be permitted, piecemeal, in advance of that process. The implications are much too serious.

We ask for the application to be refused.

Yours sincerely,

June Jenslaw

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