

# Shaw Residents' Association

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

26 June 2019

Dear Sir / Madam

### Representation from the Shaw Residents' Association

Re: Outline permission for up to 9 dwellings on land south of Hook Street Lydiard Tregoze - 19/04598/OUT

The Shaw Residents' Association wishes to register its <u>objection</u> to the application for the reasons outlined below:

The proposed site falls within the Essential Setting and outlying features to the designated landscape of Lydiard Park.

The application is in contravention of heritage clauses within the National Planning Policy Framework as it will cause significant harm to the Heritage experience of the Grade II listed Park, the Grade I listed House and Church.

Furthermore, in January 2018, five community groups, three statutory groups, two MPs, and two Parish Councils issued a 'joint statement for the protection of the Essential Setting of Lydiard Park'. The statement is attached to this representation letter.

Yours Sincerely

Kevin Fisher

Shaw Residents' Association Chair

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# Joint Statement for the Protection of the 'Essential Setting' of Lydiard Park

We\*

- agree that the 'Essential Setting and outlying features to the designated landscape' of Lydiard Park should be protected from any residential development or any other development which is unsympathetic to the character of the adjacent Historic Park, Garden, House and Church in order to preserve and avoid harm to the "heritage experience<sup>1</sup>" of the Grade II listed Park, the Grade I listed House or Grade I listed Church

-and request both Swindon Borough Council and Wiltshire Council reject all such applications for consent to build within the Essential Setting of Lydiard Park.

# **Community Groups\***

### **Shaw Residents' Association**

www.shawresidents.org.uk Kevin Fisher - Chair

### **Lydiard Park Heritage Trust**

www.lydiardtrust.org.uk Mike Bowden - Chair

### **Love Lydiard Trust**

www.lovelydiard.org.uk
David Barnard – Chair

### **Lydiard Fields Action Group**

contactus@lydiardfields.org.uk
David Barnard - Chair

# **Lydiard Heritage Action Group**

c/o Shaw Residents' association Kevin Fisher - Chair

# **Statutory Groups\***

# The Gardens Trust<sup>2</sup>

www.thegardenstrust.org Dr Marion Harney - Chair, conservation committee

# Campaign to Protect Rural England

www.cprewiltshire.org.uk Anne Henshaw - Wiltshire Branch chairman

### Friends of Lydiard Park

www.friendsoflydiardpark.org.uk Rev Canon Alastair Stevenson -Chair

### **Members of Parliament\***

#### **Robert Buckland QC MP**

Conservative MP for South Swindon www.robertbuckland.co.uk

#### **James Gray MP**

Conservative MP for North Wiltshire www.jamesgray.org

### **Local Councils\***

# Lydiard Millicent Parish Council

www.lydiardmillicentpc.gov.uk Alan Pfleger – Chair

# **West Swindon Parish Council**

www.westswindon-pc.gov.uk Nigel Gibbons – Chair

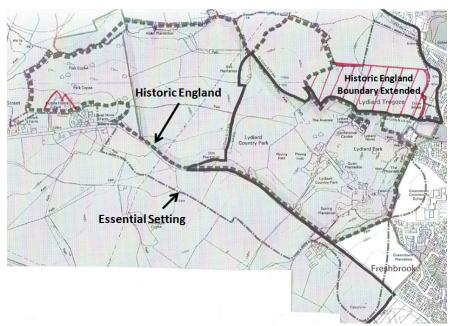
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> NPPF (March 2012); Page 56, Annex 2: Glossary - 'Setting of a heritage asset: the surroundings in which a heritage asset is experienced'.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Gardens Trust is happy to support the vision for Lydiard Park expressed in the joint statement for the "Essential Setting and outlying features to the designated landscape" which has been taken from the HLF funded park restoration scheme, defined and mapped by Nicholas Pearson. Any speculative future applications should be submitted in accordance with guidance based on a Conservation Management Plan for Lydiard Park.

#### **Boundaries**

Lydiard Park has two boundaries, the 'Historic England Registered Boundary' and a larger area called the 'Essential Setting and outlying features to the designated landscape'.

The Essential Setting was identified and agreed by Swindon Borough Council in June 2002 as part of the Lydiard Park Restoration and Development plan. This formed SBC's bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund for £3.1m to restore the Park. *It is designed to identify the minimum area required to protect the registered landscape by maintaining the rural context of the Park.* 



**Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historical Interest** 

Lydiard Park is included on the Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest at Grade II for the following principal reasons:

- Date and rarity: it is a good example of a mid 18th Century park where the layout clearly reflects its original design, and which contains archaeological evidence of its earlier, 17th Century, formal layout
- Representative example: it is a representative example of a mid 18th century park associated with an important country house
- Group value: the park forms a strong group with its associated heritage assets, including Lydiard House (listed at Grade I), the Church of St Mary (listed at Grade I) and the listed garden structures situated within it

## **History**

Mentioned in the Domesday Book (1086), Lydiard Park was held in 1089 by Harold of Ewyas the 24th great-grandfather of the 6th Viscount Bolingbroke who was the last St John to live in Lydiard House. A Ewyas heiress married into the Tregoze family in c.1198 and in 1270 Henry III gave Robert Tregoze a royal licence to create a deer park at Lydiard. From 1300 until 1348 Lydiard was owned by the Grandison family, and subsequently by Pateshulle and Beauchamp. In 1420 the estate came to Margaret Beauchamp who later married Sir Oliver St John, and the St John family then held it until the Second World War. In 1583 it was recorded there was a park at Lydiard Tregoze owned by Nicholas St John and in 1592 during Elizabeth I's royal progress through Wiltshire John St John was knighted. Much correspondence exists from 1659-64 from Johanna St John, wife of the third baronet, who was a keen gardener.