

From: Lydiard Fields
Sent: 25 September 2016 23:55
To: Pearson, Mathew
Subject: Planning Application: 16/06978FUL

Dear Mr Pearson

Ref: Proposed residential development of 48 dwellings, with public open space, associated access, infrastructure and landscaping.

Lydiard Fields Action Group represents local people. The group was formed some years ago to protect Lydiard Park from unwanted commercial development. The group registered Lydiard House and Park in 2015 as an asset of community value.

We OBJECT to this application on a number of issues, in particular:

1. The application does not meet with any of Wiltshire's or Swindon's Core Strategies.

Paragraph 5.102, makes reference to: '... the proximity of Swindon to the Community Area, planning for this area needs to be managed holistically to ensure development at Swindon is as balanced and sustainable as possible while also affording appropriate protection to rural areas...'

Paragraph 5.104: 'Although Swindon falls within the separate administrative area, its proximity to the Royal Wootton Bassett and Cricklade Community Area means that planning for future growth in Swindon should be considered holistically and with appropriate co-operation between neighbouring authorities...'

Paragraph 5.107: '...the emerging Swindon Core Strategy seeks to protect the countryside for its intrinsic character and beauty in accordance with Policy RA 3'. This approach is consistent with the Wiltshire Core Strategy (Core Policy 51).

In combination, these paragraphs highlight that the proposed development is clearly NOT compliant with both the Wiltshire and Swindon Core Strategies and a number of Wiltshire Core Policies.

2. The development will have a considerable impact on the rural countryside setting of Lydiard House and St Mary's Church. Indeed, Mr Roger Pritchard – an inspector for the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, commented in his report on Lydiard (dated 27 September 2013): "I was struck on both my site visits by the vistas of open countryside that remain to the north west and west when seen from the area immediately around the House and church. These firmly establish a rural setting for the House, church and RPG."

3. The Lydiard Tregoz Neighbourhood Plan referred to in the application has not been adopted by Wiltshire County Council and is therefore invalid.

Lydiard Fields Action Group.