

**South Sea Barn. Kington Langley. Wiltshire SN15 5PB**

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Dear Lee Burman,

**Re: Planning Application 17/03417/OUT**

I submitted the attached comments electronically yesterday, using the page on Wiltshire Council's website, but I've received no acknowledgment (perhaps I forgot to supply my email address?). And my comments do not appear on your website.

So I am sending a hard copy of my comments to ensure that they are recorded. Please email confirmation of receipt and ensure that they are uploaded to the website (but not duplicated) before the deadline of 11 May.

Thank you for your prompt attention.

If there are any problems or queries, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,

C E Clasen

I OBJECT to planning application 17/03417/OUT on the following grounds:

The development plan does not comply with Wiltshire Core Strategy and lacks any holistic, sustainable long-term vision.

It is the wrong development in the wrong location, based on inadequate research.

Massively out of scale and sympathy with the surrounding buildings and the local rural area, it will dominate the local and more distant landscape, being visible from viewpoints such as Bremhill.

The proposal involves the irreversible loss of a gently rolling greenfield site and the destruction of mature trees and hedgerows, essential to wildlife. Surely a flat, brownfield site (at Swindon? Hullavington airfield?) would be more appropriate.

The level of noise and light pollution caused by such a storage/distribution centre operating 24/7 would impact strongly on local residents and threaten local wildlife and ecosystems.

No serious assessment has been made of the traffic implications. Junction 17 is already under pressure at peak times, as are the A350 and the B4122 (especially when long queues form for the recycling centre). The proposal's planned modifications to the B4122 are inadequate for the extra volume of traffic to/from such a mega distribution centre. Commuters will tend to use other local roads as a rat run, with safety risks to pedestrians, dog-walkers, riders and cyclists.

There is already a flooding problem because a stream runs through the development area. With its huge concrete footprint and roof size, the distribution centre would pose an even greater flood risk downstream of the site at times of peak rainfall.

Finally, is there any up-to-date evidence that a warehouse/distribution centre at Junction 17, typically offering short-term, low-grade jobs to migrant workers, would meet the current/future employment needs of local residents? Or is the proposed development entirely opportunist and speculative?

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