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I am writing to express my objection to the forthcoming planning application made by Gleeson Development Ltd.

Having been a resident of Malmesbury for 33 years, I have watched with dismay some of the development in the town, most notably the Waitrose supermarket site on the edge of town, on a special conservation area, at the approach to the oldest borough in England. Shameful. There is evidence that this development has had a deleterious effect on traders in the town, which is not as vibrant and lively as it should be. I talk to many local traders who confirm that this is the case. How long before the town is reduced to providing only charity shops, estate agents and coffee bars?

Malmesbury, like many small towns, is struggling somewhat. I believe that is partly why there was such careful consideration and support given to the NDP. Residents are not opposed to development per se, but recognise that it needs to be carefully controlled and managed. What is the point of having such initiatives if they are disregarded by planners and developers?

Furthermore, I believe that the housing needs of this area have been sufficiently addressed in the NDP, and the current pincer movement by two large developers is an attempt to undermine the NDP, and local democracy.

We already have problems with infrastructure in the town, overloaded services, and awful traffic at all times. The isolated nature of these sorts of developments on the edge of the town intensifies such pressure.

I urge you to defend the NDP and reject this opportunistic application.

Many thanks,

Bridget Saunders