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Dear Sirs,

With regard to application 16/07288/OUT, I would like to express my objection to the application.

I was involved in the Consultations that resulted in the Malmesbury Neighbourhood Plan, and this application is not in line with the objectives of the plan and does not lie on a site that was allocated for development. The sites allocated in the plan were in line with the assessment of need. Were this application to be passed, then the very nature of the democratic localism agenda, both locally and nationally, would be undermined.

Malmesbury is an ancient hilltop town with limited infrastructure and restricted room for development of services in the centre. The Neighbourhood Plan took great pains to balance the need for housing expansion (as identified by Wiltshire Council and the 2026 Local Plan) whilst retaining the culture of the town and developing existing infrastructure (such as schools and health services) to cope with structured and planned development. This Gleeson proposal would represent overdevelopment and would be a case of the type of 'unsustainable development' that the Minister himself decries.

There has neither been a case made for development of the town beyond the recommendations of Wiltshire Council, nor has the Developer offered any other compelling benefits to the town in support of his plans.

This proposal should be rejected.

Yours sincerely
Atherton Gray