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Wiltshire Council, County Hall,
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Our ref: AS/CR/SN169DS

I write on behalf of a number of my constituents in and around Malmesbury who have raised with me Planning Application 16/07288/OUT which is an opportunistic application by Gleeson Developments to build a further 71 houses in addition to the highly controversial development which they have managed to get away with at Filands.

You should know that I, personally, am entirely opposed to this new application which of course would not be allowed once the Core Strategy becomes enforceable, and is one of a number of opportunistic applications being made in the hope of obtaining planning permission before the Core Strategy can be applied. It goes against the Core Strategy, it also goes against the Malmesbury Neighbourhood Plan and if, therefore, it were to be allowed, makes the Neighbourhood Plan a virtually worthless document. I very much hope that when you have considered the matter Wiltshire Council will turn the application down and, if it were to go to appeal, that the Inspector will uphold that decision.