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**Land South of Filands 16/07288**

Dear Alex

Brokenborough Parish Council is dismayed to have to join in yet another battle concerning development by Gleeson on Filands. It should be remembered that the adjacent Bloor development, previously handled by Gleeson, only escaped rejection by the government on a legal technicality. The arguments against that application still stand today.

Over 1000 houses have been allocated in the Neighbourhood Plan to more than meet the Wiltshire Core Strategy figure of 885 houses. The 71 dwellings would be an unnecessary and unwelcome addition. This is clearly an attempt to sidestep the agreed Local Plan. This application is not based on need, but greed. This is not a NIMBY reaction because, as stated above, the Neighbourhood Plan already more than accommodates the housing demand set by the Wiltshire County Council.

This particular site is not appropriate at this time. The Malmesbury Neighbourhood Plan completed a comprehensive review of housing sites and placed this area well below several others that are not yet utilised. That review remains appropriate and no arguments have been advanced for ignoring the local plan in this regard.

Interested Malmesbury residents are well aware that this application is an opportunistic attempt to circumvent the Local Plan whilst the Wiltshire 5 year land supply position is not established. If Gleeson succeeds again, any confidence in the democratic local planning process will be undermined. If the 5 Year Land Supply remains in jeopardy it may be sensible to invite the government to step in to protect local interests and help make up for their previous failure.

Local infrastructure would be unnecessarily strained, especially primary school places. The schools cannot expand in a sensible manner, to meet the planned increase in housing, whilst that demand is subject to the whim of large building companies adding developments simply for profit.

We stand completely opposed to this development.

Yours sincerely

Robert C Tallon  
Chairman, Brokenborough Parish Council