

Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response

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Application No: 17/08735/FUL
Provision of new public open space, footpath, play area, nine homes and associated infrastructure.
Land at Church Place, Lydiard Millicent, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN5 3LR
409166 Northings: 186211
Mr & Mrs Kershaw

Please note the particulars in connection with the above planning application are available to view on the planning website <http://www.wiltshire.gov.uk/planninganddevelopment.htm>

I would welcome any comments that you have about this particular application by **19 October 2017**. If I do not receive your observations and comments by this date I will assume you have none. If you require an extension of time please contact the Planning Officer above who will do their best to accommodate this.

Recommendations:

<input type="checkbox"/>	No Comment
<input type="checkbox"/>	Support
<input type="checkbox"/>	Support subject to conditions (please set out below)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Object (for reasons set out below)
<input type="checkbox"/>	No objections

Matters Considered:

I note the content of the Planning Statement prepared by Mark Doodes Planning dated August 2017. The statement refers to a '*strong line of mature deciduous trees to the northern boundary*' of the site. Paragraph 2.5 indicates that '*A few (approx three) mature trees will need to be removed to provide the new access from the current roundabout*'. This line of prominent trees are protected by TPO 16 which consist of Beech trees. These trees have a high visual amenity value to the area and any loss of these trees would have a negative impact on the street scene.

No Tree Survey or plans have been provided to show the correct location, canopy spread and root protection areas of these trees on the proposed layout. No justification has been given for the removal of these trees along with any proposed mitigation measures. The Master Plan drawing also shows a proposed footpath along with play equipment within close proximity to this group of protected trees. As the canopy spread of these trees along with root protection areas have not been shown correctly, the current information does not give a true reflection on what is currently on site.

I find this proposal contrary to Core Policy 57 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy – Ensuring high quality design and place shaping and NE14 – Trees, Site Features and the Control of New Development of the North Wiltshire Local Plan 2011.

Lisa Price
Arboricultural Officer