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**From:** Ridgwell, Caroline  
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**To:** Sewell, Richard  
**Subject:** Consultation-Land off Church Place Lydiard Millicent - 17/08735/FUL

Dear Richard

**Re: Land off Church Place Lydiard Millicent - 17/08735/FUL**

This is a proposal for new development within the Lydiard Millicent conservation area and in the setting of the grade II\* listed church. The land on the opposite side of the road to the church (with listed war memorial and tombs) is open and pretty level fields with fencing. There is a shallow pitched agricultural building to the south east of the site which appears appropriate for its position in a pasture field on the edge of a village. Looking at the history maps, this area of land has remained undeveloped for the past 150 years or so. There are public footpaths to the south west, south and south east of the site, all of which allow views back to the site with the church set on raised ground across the road.

The development proposed is to create a play area and public open space on the land immediately opposite the church. Set further away from the church but still in the conservation area, the proposal also includes constructing nine dwellings with associated infrastructure and road access. The new dwellings are shown as very large, mock barns with a great deal of glazing and plethora of rooflights. The siting is shown as a line of what is describes as 'longbarn style terraced homes', with a 'courtyard' of barn style homes set to the south of that and a further large barn style dwelling at the southern end.

Lydiard Millicent, like many villages in North Wiltshire, has a linear built form following the roads. The vernacular building type is mainly cottages and smaller houses, with a rectory, school, manor house and some farms. In the second half of the C20 there has been quite a large amount of new building, either as one or two infill properties or clusters of housing. The proposed development does not respect the historic building pattern of the area, nor does it reflect the vernacular scale or form of the village. As such, I feel that the location, quantity, scale and design of the proposed new housing and infrastructure would harm the setting of the heritage assets due to the intrusion on views to and from the heritage assets and one's ability to appreciate the heritage assets. The harm caused would be less than substantial. The development would be contrary to sections 66(1) and 72(1) of The Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Area) Act 1990, paragraphs 131, 132, 134 and 137 of the NPPF, the BS7913 and Historic England Good Practice Advice Note 3: Setting of Heritage Assets. I cannot support the proposals as shown.

Regards  
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