

	On Line Comments
Comments:	<p>We are the owners and occupiers of Little Talboys which borders the two dwelling application along the development's plot northwest boundary. Little Talboys is a Grade II listed cruck built timber framed property of some rarity dating from the late 14th or early 15th century and is one of, if not, the oldest houses in Keevil. We purchased Little Talboys in 2001 when it was in a very dilapidated state with much of the property uninhabitable and garden completely overgrown. During the 15 years we have lived here we have renovated, repaired and restored both the property and garden at considerable expense to a point where it now, at least, makes a very positive contribution to the character of our village. As with most old buildings this work will need to be ongoing just to maintain its condition.</p> <p>We object to the proposed development for a number of reasons which we have detailed below and for additional clarity we have divided them into two groups major and minor.</p> <p>We also have a number of other objections to this development including loss of sunlight and loss of view which have not been listed as they do not meet the criteria issued by Wilshire Planning.</p> <p>A Minor Objections</p> <p>(A1) Main Street in Keevil already has traffic problems during school opening and closing times due to road side parking which reduces traffic to a single lane stretching often as far as Hobbs Hill to Blagden House. The development will remove two or three parking spaces, this, along with possible extra vehicles parked near the site, will only add to the current problems.</p> <p>(A2) The proposed dwellings are described as 3 bedroom properties although they are perhaps more accurately 4 bedroom houses if you rename the study as bedroom 4. Local housing needs have identified a requirement in 1, 2, and to a lesser extent 3 bedroom properties. There is no additional requirement in the 4 bedroom category and therefore the development will not satisfy any local housing needs.</p> <p>(A3) The development will reduced views of the church from the footpath running down alongside the Manor wall.</p> <p>(A4) The northwest elevation of plot 2 house runs for 15 metres 1 metre in from the party fence with us. There are two upstairs windows on this elevation which look directly onto our garden seating area and beyond that to all our 7 windows and two doors along our south east elevation. This will result in a loss of privacy from the overlooking of our property.</p> <p>B Major Objections</p> <p>(B1) This development lies within the Conservation Area. One of the dominant characteristics of this area is the wide spaces between buildings and we believe that the erection of these dwellings would unacceptably upset the sensitive balance between buildings and the open spaces between them.</p>

	<p>(B2) We believe our property, which has rare historic architectural features, would be seen in close proximity (less than 15 metres) to the proposed dwellings. It is our opinion that this would seriously devalue the architectural value and setting of Little Talboys.</p> <p>(B3) In 1999 there was an application to build a single dwelling on the northwest side of our property approximately 12 metres from our house. That proposal was initially rejected by West Wilshire District Council and was declined again after appeal to the Secretary of State for the Environment. The grounds for that rejection were exactly those we have itemised in B1 and B2.</p> <p>(B4) Approval of this application could result in a number of other applications for infill developments which would then be more difficult to refuse thereby resulting in further damage to the characteristics of the area.</p>
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