



11th February 2018

Development Services Central
Bythesea Road
Trowbridge
BA14 8JN

Planning No. 17/12491/FUL: Two dwellings between Little Talboys and Church Farm, Main Street, Keevil

As a resident of Keevil, I am writing to object to the above planning application.

This land between Church Farm and Little Talboys is in the conservation area of Keevil and the proposed buildings do not comply with the planning guidelines of Keevil's Village Design Statement which was adopted by West Wiltshire District Plan in March 2003. They fail to comply in the following ways:

- these plans are not in keeping with the building types and the architectural details of the existing area of Main Street and of its immediate environs. Main Street is the spine of the village, displaying a coherence provided by houses dating from the 15th to the 19th century. It has a structure and character that has not changed for the past one hundred years.
- such a modern development would affect and spoil the settings and special architectural and historical characteristics of nearby listed buildings, in particular Little Talboys, Talboys and the thatched cottages, the Manor and other houses on the opposite side of the road.
- these proposed houses would qualify as infill, which is not in keeping with either Wiltshire District Plans nor the recommendations of the Village Design Statement to preserve Keevil's open spacious settings; furthermore if this proposal went ahead it could lead to a future trend of further infill buildings.

Lastly, I would like to remind you that Wiltshire Council has a tradition of respecting the principles of controlling changes to the character of its villages by reducing infill, by preserving special architectural and historical features and by valuing the views of its village communities.

E. Ian McD. Simpson