

Wiltshire Wildlife Trust

Mr Matthew Perks

25th July 2018

Dear Mr Perks

Objection to Planning Application 18/04656/FUL

Courtfield House Polebarn Road Trowbridge BA14 7EG

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the above application. The Trust was initially contacted by local residents concerned with the proposed development. On viewing the documents submitted we were very concerned to see the inadequacy of the ecological assessment of the impact of this planning application and recommended that the view of the Council's ecologists should be sought.

We were delighted to see the report of the Council's Senior Ecologist submitted on the 5th July and strongly support her objection to the application.

The Trust reaffirms the comments of the Senior Ecologist about the ecological importance of orchards, the value of the site to wildlife using the wider Biss corridor including its potential use by protected species such as Bechsteins and other bats. Green spaces within towns such as this are a great wildlife asset and much valued by local residents. The Trust believes that such spaces should be protected and expanded as an essential component of a comprehensive ecological network which works to enhance and further protect and expand wildlife populations, not further deplete them.

I trust that you will, take these comments fully into account in your consideration of this application.

Kind Regards

Dr Gary Mantle MBE

Chief Executive
Wiltshire Wildlife Trust