

	Online Comments
Application No:	18/04656/FUL
Comments:	<p>I wish to object to the granting of planning permission in the terms proposed.</p> <p>As a resident in Polebarn Road, I know the property and the surrounding area well. Sustainable development, that enhances this area for all, would be welcomed. However, following my examination of the application I would ask the Council to reject it outright on the basis of several material considerations: -</p> <p>1) The impact on traffic safety and congestion. Vehicular access to the property can only be gained via Polebarn Road. Despite initial appearances, this is an exceptionally busy road, with cars and lorries travelling at speed. A significant portion of the road is single track due to designated on-road parking bays. Vehicles frequently have to reverse or use the pavement to avoid collisions. Accordingly, traffic-calming measures are already needed now to deal with current safety concerns. If planning permission is granted, the rate of traffic will undoubtedly increase, the problems described will intensify, and serious injury to pedestrians, cyclists and disabled people seeking to use the road and pavement is likely to occur. Safe and speedy access for the Emergency Services may also be compromised. In brief, the road infrastructure is inadequate. The plans submitted by the applicant do not address this.</p> <p>2) The loss of trees and other natural features The orchard at Courtfield House is part of an important 'green lung' within Trowbridge. It is congruent to the People's Park and part of the valuable green heritage of the town. The plans submitted by the applicant appear to propose merely the planting of some trees, whilst destroying an established resource of biodiversity.</p> <p>3) The effect on a conservation area Courtfield House, its Orchard, and Woolstore are all essential sites in an understanding of the development of the working town of Trowbridge. They are rightfully within a conservation area. The plans submitted by the applicant do little to acknowledge this. Further, with the only access to the proposed development being through a conservation area, it is to be expected that meaningful proposals as to how the applicants intend to minimise noise and disturbance along the length of Polebarn Road would have been made available. As far as I am aware, this has yet to occur.</p>
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