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Proposed extension of area for housing growth
South East of Blandford St. Mary.

We have occupied the above property "Home Orchard" for over forty years. We purchased the property in December 1974 and I think we are the second oldest residents in Lower Blandford St. Mary.

We have understood that since the development of the Blandford Bypass that any future housing development would only take place inside the bypass and to date this has been the case. It would appear that the opportunity to continue this policy is still available in the area North and West from the Salisbury Road and Shaftesbury Road roundabouts.

If the development was allowed to proceed in Lower Blandford St. Mary this would break the above agreement and inevitably would lead to further development outside the bypass.

The further extent to development to the Wards Drive Track with possible access onto the A 350 with the increased volume of traffic would not be practical or feasible. At present to gain vehicular access onto the A 350 from Church Lane one can wait from two to five minutes at peak periods and this would be further aggravated.

The infrastructure in Blandford to support the development of this housing is not available and I would have thought the development of this infrastructure needs to take place before any further housing in the area.

The service for doctors appointments which can be anything up to three weeks and parking at the surgery is a good example of facilities struggling with the increased population of Blandford

Continued

at present

The continued reduction in town parking over the last decade has driven people to shop at out of town business such as Tesco and Homebase with plenty of parking facilities. This surely cannot be healthy for the future and choice of shops in the town

The traffic volume in the centre of Blandford continued to worsen since the £1.20 million pound development and pedestrianization of Market Place creating gridlock from the East Street route into town. For vehicles to reverse from the parking facility into the main line of traffic with other car drivers having to give way for them reduces flow and creates gridlock

I would be obliged if you would kindly acknowledge receipt of this objection letter, and notify in due course when a decision has been taken on the application.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted Signature]

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