15 July 2023

Development Management Group
Wiltshire Planning Department

Ref: Planning Consent PL/2021/10155 dated 01/02/2022

Re: Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) and removal of Condition 4 on PL/2021/10155

Dear Sir/Madam

Condition 4 calls for the increase of two existing off-street car parking spaces by one additional space. Condition 2 is related to Condition 4 noting submission documentation.

The Dene is a dead-end road with minimal car movements generated by locals only. Furthermore, number of houses in the Dene are unable to provide sufficient off-street parking at all, a factor that seems to cause no difficulties with daily traffic flows.

The original application noted that one extra car parking space could be provided by re-instating the original garage. This garage, after having done necessary waterproofing and flood prevention work (the house is in flood zone 1) left the space of insufficient size to accommodate a modern medium sized vehicle. Providing a third space with a caveat to only use the space for very small cars would not be acceptable.

The only other alternative for a third car parking space would necessitate the partial destruction of an almost century old hedge. This alternative would be ecologically damaging and cause considerable distress to my client and occupants in the Dene. The hedge is a year-round home for various birds and squirrels. In addition to having to demolish part of the hedge a culvert would have to be laid to accommodate a concrete bridge extension to allow the additional car to access the parking space. Any culvert extension in the Dene would be viewed as detrimental to an area that has a history of flooding.

Given our contention that a third space is not required in this instance and that any potential provision of an additional space would be of limited use and damaging to the environment, we respectfully request that Condition 4 be removed from the consent.