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Jemma Foster - Development Control
Wiltshire Council

DearJemma,

Ref: Planning Application No PL/2023/07310

We wish to object to this application on the following grounds:

1: Our property backs on to the rear grounds of 62 Newtown, and we are very concerned that the suggested construction of the 2 properties to the rear of the plot would significantly impact our privacy and wellbeing. My husband has MS, and uses our garden space for recuperation and rest following his treatments. The calm environment is important for us both, forming part of the valuable amenity that we gain from the property in managing his health, and with 2 homes overlooking this space we are concerned that it will negatively affect him both through increased noise and loss of privacy with homes overlooking us.

While in the summer the leaves of the bushes and established trees form a partial barrier, however in winter time there is clear line of sight from one garden to the next and with the proximity of the homes on the plan we are very worried that we would be looking directly into each others lounges and bedrooms.

2: If development is granted for this property, then we are concerned that it will set a precedent for all properties on this side of Newtown to develop their gardens also, changing the nature of the area significantly and creating a much less inviting place to live.

3: We are blessed with a wide variety of wildlife here, encouraged on the most part by the large established trees and the green spaces that form the natural and valued barriers between the homes on Newtown and Studland Park. We have seen bats, deer, many different species of wild birds, badgers, foxes and squirrels in the time we have lived here. Any development in this space would

impact the wildlife that we are repeatedly told we must protect and from which we derive a great deal of pleasure.

4: Studying the plans, we would be concerned that any development may weaken the trees here and may cause a higher risk of them coming down. Our hillside location is always exposed to the elements, the wind in particular, and as the trees are of significant size (apparently 17m on the plans) we are concerned that they would fall across either the rear of our homes or over the top of the 2 proposed homes at the back of the plot. Even if the trees are 'topped' we feel they still pose significant risk to any occupiers moving into the proposed dwellings (plot 2 and 3 on the plan) due to the proximity of the homes to the site boundaries.

Yours sincerely,

Mr & Mrs D Stone