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Application No:	**PL/2023/07320**
Application Type:	**Removal/variation of conditions**
Proposal:	**Variation of condition 2 (approved plans) on 16/12085/FUL to allow for changes to materials and design**
Site Address:	**Ashwell Nursery, Burton, Mere, Warminster, BA12 6BR**
Planning Register Link:	https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0i3z00001C2emD

At a meeting held on Monday, 2nd October 2023, the Town Council considered the above application and has the following response to make:

No comment	
Support	
Support subject to conditions	
Object	Yes
No Objections	

This is a retrospective planning application for a barn that has been built. Permission was given for a hay barn to be built on this site in early 2017 and a variation of condition – relating to materials (roof tiles) was submitted and approved later on in 2017. The barn that has been erected has breached the planning approval in several respects – materials, height (it is nearly 3m higher) and design. The Town Council's opinion is that

the barn that has been erected on the site is far too high and dominates the landscape creating an unacceptable visual impact. It is also felt that a pedestrian door, window and two stories for an agricultural barn is unnecessary and superfluous making the building look non-agricultural, urbane and out of character. Members felt that the barn should be rebuilt to the plans as specified in the planning approval granted under 16/12085/FUL and 17/08466/VAR. If the planning authority is, however, minded to approve this variation then the Town Council feels extremely strongly that the following condition should be included:

Conditions: The agricultural barn as shown on the Site Plan (Drawing No.02 dated Aug 2023) shall be used for agricultural purposes only and shall be maintained for this use in perpetuity. No paraphernalia unrelated to the approved agricultural use of the barn shall be brought onto or stored within it.

Lindsey Wood
Town Clerk

Date: 3rd October 2023