

Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response URBAN DESIGN

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Date: 12.01.2024**Application No:** PL/2023/10331**Proposal:** Outline planning application (with all matters except access reserved) for up to 4 dwellings and associated works and provision of a cemetery together with access and associated works.**Site Address:** Land south of The Forty and North of Chelworth Road, Cricklade**Case Officer:** Olivia Tresise

Comment

With the incremental residential development of fields in this area with the adjacent areas to the north of the site recently constructed and accessed off the B4553, the rectangular field to the south east of the site may also present a future development site and present something of a rounding off to this urban edge of the town. It would be reasonable to expect the current application to facilitate a surfaced pedestrian/cycle connection and future access into this, its construction covered by a planning condition under this application should it be approved.

This would be in order to reflect the Active Travel England.gov.uk and 'Building for a Healthy Life' advice for achieving '*well connected neighbourhoods*' i.e. Building for a Healthy Life (BfHL) (Homes England 2020) page 17 '*what green looks like*'- '*streets and routes that can be extended in the future*' rather than BfHL page 19 '*What red looks like*'- '*no opportunity to connect or extend streets and paths if required by later development*'. and avoidance of '*ransom strips*' to frustrate this. This would relate to the theme of Wiltshire Council Core Policy 57ix, xi, and xiv.

This should take the form of showing a surfaced path on the 'Illustrative Layout' across the public open space shown from the bend of the principal 'spine' road / opposite the end of the principal pavement running parallel with it, leading up to meet the existing hedge on the south eastern boundary of the site. It should not be combined with using the communal (private) drive at this end where ease of movement and legibility would be easily frustrated by parked and manoeuvring vehicles and would not reflect the future significance of such a connection. This could be shown/achieved without any significant alteration to the current Illustrative Layout.

