Wiltshire Council Planning Consultation Response

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Application No: **PL/2024/00496**
Discharge of Condition 3 - Installation of air source heat pump to heat Toad Cottage
Toad Cottage, 10 Marlborough Road, Stibb Green, Burbage, Marlborough, Wilts, SN8 3AU

Please find following comments in respect of the above application(s).

Recommendations:

	Comment (for reasons set out below)
X	Support
	Support subject to conditions (please set out below)
	Object (for reasons set out below)
	No objections

Scope of comments: the following comments relate to the built historic environment.

Policy: From the point of view of the historic environment the main statutory tests are set out within the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990. Sections 16 (LBC) and 66 (PP) require that **special regard** be given to the desirability of preserving listed buildings, their settings or any features of special architectural or historic interest which they possess.

Section 72(1) of the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 also requires the Council to pay **special attention** to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of designated Conservation Areas.

The NPPF outlines government policy, including its policy in respect of the historic environment. Section 16 of the NPPF 'Conserving and enhancing the historic environment' sets out the Government's high-level policies concerning heritage and sustainable development. Paragraphs 201-3 of the NPPF require a balanced approach with any harm which would be caused being weighed against the potential public benefits which might be achieved. Paragraph 197 requires local planning authorities should take account of the desirability of sustaining and enhancing the significance of heritage assets and of new development making a positive contribution to local character and distinctiveness.

The Council's Core Strategy 'Core Policy 58: Ensuring the conservation of the historic environment' requires that designated heritage assets and their settings will be conserved and where possible enhanced. It is also required that distinctive elements of Wiltshire's historic environment, including non-designated heritage assets, which contribute to a sense of local character and identity will be conserved, and where possible enhanced.

The Council's Core Strategy CP 57: Ensuring high quality design requires a high quality of design in all new developments. Proposals are required to "demonstrate how the proposal will make a positive contribution to the character of Wiltshire through:

i. enhancing local distinctiveness by responding to the value of the natural and historic environment, relating positively to its landscape setting and the existing pattern of development…
ii. the retention and enhancement of existing important landscaping and natural features…
iii. responding positively to the existing townscape and landscape features in terms of building layouts, built form, height, mass, scale, building line, plot size, elevational design, materials, streetscape and rooflines to effectively integrate the building into its setting.

Site: Toad Cottage is a grade II listed building located within the Burbage Conservation Area.

Proposal: Discharge of condition 3 – installation of air source heat pump

Relevant planning history: PL/2023/07765 & PL/2023/07298 - Installation of air source heat pump to heat Toad Cottage and alterations to existing oak framed building to provide living accommodation for elderly relative, with works to include erection of sunroom/ conservatory and 1. no existing car parking spaces within oak framed building to be converted to provide a kitchenette and shower/ toilet (approved)

Issues: Impact on significance of listed building, impact on setting of listed building, impact on character and appearance of conservation area.

Assessment: Condition 3 states – 'Prior to the installation of the air source heat pump, details of any new internal pipework, ventilation/condenser units, upgrading of existing radiators and/or insulation shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details.

REASON: In the interest of protecting the listed building and its setting.

Conservation comments: The details as submitted are considered acceptable to discharge condition 3.