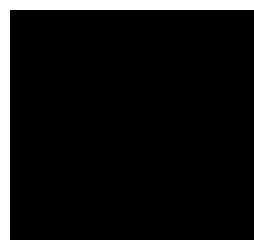


Mrs Janet Bentley



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Dear Sir/Madam

RE: Follow up objection to Planning Application PL/2025/06615 – Proposed Industrial Development Adjacent to Upper Seagry

I am writing to reaffirm and strengthen my objection to the above planning application in the light of the recently revised plans. While I note that the proposed heights have been updated, my concerns remain profound and unresolved. The scale, location, and nature of this industrial development are wholly inappropriate for such close proximity to residential properties and to the rural setting of our village.

1. Proximity to Residential Properties and Impact on Village Character

The proposed buildings will be situated alarmingly close to existing homes, some of which directly overlook the site. Even with the reduced height, the industrial units would dominate the surrounding landscape, intruding visually and acoustically upon what is currently a quiet and rural area. The industrial estate would irreversibly alter the character of our village, which is defined by its open fields, hedgerows and natural surroundings – **not large-scale commercial buildings.**

2. Environmental and Ecological Damage

Once again, I stress that the latest proposal indicates the loss of over 50 mature trees. This represents a devastating blow to local biodiversity. The trees provide essential habitats for birds, bats and other wildlife that thrive in this semi-rural environment. Their removal would fragment existing habitats and severely diminish the ecological integrity of the area. Such large-scale deforestation cannot be justified by limited replanting or token landscaping measures as suggested by the Seagry Estate managers at the parish meeting.

3. Lack of Infrastructure and Pedestrian Safety

The surrounding lanes are narrow, unlit, and without footpaths. These roads are already hazardous for pedestrians, cyclists and children returning home from the school bus. The introduction of additional vehicle movements from employees, deliveries and service traffic could only heighten the risks. The absence of basic infrastructure – such as pavements and street lighting – makes this site entirely unsuitable for a development.

4. Parking and Transport Concerns

As I understand only 24 parking spaces are proposed, despite an estimated 82 employees. This discrepancy raises serious concerns about how the remaining staff will commute with a very inadequate bus service. It is inevitable that employees will resort to on-street parking or use unsuitable access routes through the village, creating safety risks and inconvenience for residents.

5. Visual and Environmental Impact

Even with design modifications, the revised plans do not address the fundamental unsuitability of this development. The proposed industrial estate remains too large, too close to residential properties, and entirely out of keeping with the rural setting. The ecological damage, lack of infrastructure, and transport impracticalities make this application unsuitable and contrary to the character and needs of our village.

I therefore urge Wiltshire Council once again to refuse planning application PL/2025/06615 in order to preserve the safety, wellbeing, and environment of our community.

Please confirm receipt of this letter and that the attached photographs will be considered as part of my formal objection.

Yours faithfully,

Janet Bentley

