

Thank you for notifying us of a further retrospective planning application adjacent to our property, Iris Cottage, 15 The Street, Chirton, the primary residence affected.

We **OBJECT** to this application: a) amenity for Iris Cottage, and b) detrimental impact on the street scene within the Conservation Area (CA).

Multiple applications for the same area of Manor Farm

July 2024 - PL/2024/05971 - Erection of detached cart shed

June 2025 - PL/2025/05178 - Erection of detached car port and installation of ASHPs

September 2025 - PL/2025/07481 - Retrospective application for installation of ASHPs

This application follows three earlier submissions for development specifically connected to this small area adjacent to our historic cottage wall. All applications have been unneighbourly in design and detrimental to the amenity and impact on our home and living conditions. The removal of a section of the boundary wall to create the new driveway also features within PL/2025/05178 (under consultation). There are now simultaneous, overlapping applications with elements of cross-over and duplication causing confusion and lacking clarity.

Impact and loss of amenity for Iris Cottage

During the previous applications which included removal of a section of the wall and new driveway, we submitted an objection; our valid concerns remain. Iris Cottage sits approx. 0.5m lower than Manor Farm. Rainwater run-off from the new hard surfaces, washing/maintenance of vehicles and any car leakage poses a significant and detrimental impact upon the original, shallow foundations of our cottage.

As the driveway is adjacent to the historic solid brick, uninsulated wall of our living room, bay window and bedroom, we now have a new, substantial, and unacceptable increase in noise, vibration, pollution, and disturbance as numerous vehicles enter, leave and idle directly next to our house wall. The marked change of use from the original green garden space, inaccessible to vehicles, has destroyed the quiet amenity and enjoyment of our detached, rural home.

Detrimental impact on the conservation area street scene

Planning consent was refused for the initial application for this area of garden (July 2024 - PL/2024/05971) - removal of a section of wall for a new driveway was included. The Conservation Officer (CO) objected specifically to widening the access because it would require the partial loss of the old boundary wall. The CO considered the wall to be a positive feature of the CA and setting of the Listed farmhouse, and that the loss of the original wall and garden landscaping would have a negative visual impact on the street scene, CA and setting of Manor Farm. The Conservation Officer re-iterated these points in PL/2025/05178.

Manor Farm already benefits from substantial on-site hard standing and two alternative vehicle entrances. The creation of a third entrance and further parking space for Manor Farm has not been formally justified within the application.

The retrospective application for 'infilling' the side with removal and levelling of such a large area of green space to the front of Manor Farm affects the rural feel of 'The Street' and detracts from the special character of the CA and setting of this large Listed Building, which occupies such a prominent

position. The change of use from a garden area to a driveway following removal of the section of old wall, negatively and substantially impacts the amenity of our home. The result of these works sits contrary to the Wiltshire Core Policy 58 which requires new development be sympathetic to historic buildings, protecting and conserving their environment – including the special character and appearance of CAs. Also, it is contrary to Core Policy 57 (vii) which requires new development to have regard to the impact on the amenity of existing occupants.

For the reasons outlined above, we respectfully request this retrospective application be refused.

Yours sincerely,

Mr and Mrs Eschbaecher