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Application No:	PL/2025/09845
Application Type:	Wiltshire Council R3
Proposal:	The partial deconstruction, extension, refurbishment and change of use of an unlisted former care home (C2) to 20no. Affordable Housing independent living apartments (C3) for older people, with communal facilities.
Site Address:	Fives Court, Angel Lane, Mere, Warminster, BA12 6DH
Planning Register Link:	https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000lazQn

At a meeting held on Monday, 12th January 2026, 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	

Discussion

Members discussed the adequacy of parking provision for the proposed number of units, noting concerns raised by Highways officers regarding insufficient parking and inadequate turning space.

- It was noted that reduced parking could lead to overspill parking and servicing issues on Angel Lane.
- Members expressed wider concerns regarding infrastructure capacity and cumulative impacts of development in the area.

- Discussion took place regarding the intended use for older residents, age restrictions, and the role of Homes for Wiltshire in future allocations. Members acknowledged differing views but focused on material planning considerations.

Resolved: To object to the application primarily on the grounds of insufficient parking provision and associated highway impacts and the Town Council's concerns relating to the nomination process of these residential units. In the 'Affordable Housing Statement' it says that the development is aimed at people of 60 years and over and that on first let the homes in this development will be let to 'sheltered' residents of bungalows in the existing development at Lynch Close, Mere. This will enable the redevelopment of these bungalows and associated communal space. **Subsequent lets will be allocated according to the Wiltshire Council Allocations Policy.** The Town Council is concerned about this last sentence as Homes4Wiltshire manages applications based on housing need which is based upon current housing circumstances and not necessarily local connection and age restrictions.

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Date: 19th January 2026