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Application No:	PL/2025/10033
Application Type:	Full planning permission
Proposal:	Proposed Change of Use from Vets to Dwelling
Site Address:	Southill Vets, Manor Road, Mere, BA12 6HZ
Planning Register Link:	https://development.wiltshire.gov.uk/pr/s/planning-application/a0iQ300000lkEvG

At a meeting held on Monday, 2nd February 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	

- **Inaccurate Highways and Parking Assessment.** The Highways Officer's report suggests that because the current vet surgery generates a level of parking then conversion to a residential dwelling is acceptable. We strongly disagree with this logic. The current surgery operates only three hours per week (Monday afternoons), creating a negligible impact on local street capacity. Converting this to a dwelling creates a 24/7 parking demand that the site cannot accommodate, representing a significant intensification of use and a detriment to highway safety.

- **Loss of Vital Commercial Space.** There is a documented shortage of small, affordable commercial units in this area. No evidence has been provided to demonstrate that the property was robustly marketed for re-letting as a business (e.g., for a start-up or local office) before seeking residential conversion. We object to the permanent loss of this commercial asset.
- **Impact on Visual Amenity and Greenery.** A prominent, high-value Ash tree is situated immediately outside the property. This tree contributes significantly to the character of the street scene. We are concerned that converting the building into a residence will lead to future pressure to prune or remove the tree due to leaf litter or light obstruction, which would be a loss to the local environment.

Lindsey Wood
Town Clerk

Date: 9th February 2026