

WHEATLANDS, RIVAR ROAD, SHALBOURNE, WILTSHIRE SN8 3RL

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Wiltshire Council (Planning Department)
Bythesea Road
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We purchased Wheatlands because we love the unspoilt landscape and dark skies around the house.

Currently the site does not serve our needs as a long-term modern family home. The house and annex/garage are not in good order and both have restricted views to the east and south. We have no use for the existing large-scale equestrian yard and ménage which are unconnected to the landscape.

Our vision for Wheatlands is to upgrade its condition, improve its outlook, and to enhance its setting in the wonderful local landscape. We hope to use local contractors to carry out the proposed building and landscape works.

Our plans aim:

- to upgrade the house to create a sustainable long-term family home that is both more connected to the landscape, and more sympathetically so;
- to demolish the two-storey annex/garage and replace it with a single-storey extension to the house filled with natural light, and overlooking our field;
- to demolish the stables and workshop and replace them with a solar-paneled garage and greenhouse creating an attractively landscaped courtyard;
- to do so whilst reducing the overall building footprint and floor area;
- to relocate our driveway primarily for safety reasons but also for practical and aesthetic purposes. Our proposed location would much improve exiting visibility and allow entering vehicles to gain access whilst off, and therefore no longer blocking, the highway;
- to remove the non-native leylandii and hard-standing ménage that dominates the north, and to plant many native trees, hedges, shrubs and plants across the site;
- to deliver a considerable biodiversity net gain through our planting and the management of our field into a single-cut wildflower meadow.

We look forward to your consideration of our application.

Nicky and Jasmine Dunne