

Dear Sir/Madam/Wiltshire Planning Department

Application PL/2026/00168 Hazelbury Manor 28.03.2026

I recognise the opportunity this application presents to secure the future of the listed Manor and the historic estate, but there remain several issues and questions that need to be addressed, as already identified in responses made to this application by others .

I refer particularly to responses from the amenity societies, Historic England, Box Parish Council, and some residents, which call for a detailed Conservation Management Plan for the building , gardens, and wider historic estate . The importance of such should be acknowledged by the Council in their assessment of this application and the applicant required to submit a CMP for approval. A CMP that all interested parties can have the opportunity to comment on due to the importance of the Manor , historic gardens, and the wider estate.

The comments of Box Parish Council are noted and welcomed. They are representative of a local community caring about its local heritage and its environment.

The history of the owner, in having owned past historic building, is acknowledged. A fact already identified by an adjacent neighbouring estate owner, who also states his long-term interest in stewardship of the estate and his strong support for present proposals. However, another estate owners' views and the history of the owner with other historic buildings or estates , should not withhold the need for a closer examination of this application by the local authority and the issues it has raised, or the requirement of a detailed CMP for approval.

As a user of the footpaths, I welcome comments of others already made relating to the need for a comprehensive review of the footpaths on the historic estate which should include, amongst other items, improving access by the removing of the timber stiles where no longer required to control livestock and installing gates where control is still required.

I can see no reference in the plans submitted to the felling of the trees outside the Manor, which others have already mentioned , or the major works presently being undertaken to plant a large numbers of trees on the main drive to the Manor .However, the above areas appear to lie within the red line noted in the application, they are works that impact on the character of the area, and they can be clearly seen from the public rights of way by the public .Such works need to be justified and open to further comment and questioning, because they have been undertaken within a Registered Historic Park and Garden.

What is to happen to the existing mature trees that line the main drive up to the Manor, do they form part of a past historic planting scheme of importance ? Are works also proposed to these mature trees ? If so, what are they ? Some appear to be Ash so are they all to be felled? Do they require to be felled bearing in mind also their habitat importance to several species and the fact that if small holes are found in the trees these could provide roost site for bats and small mammals?

Yours Faithfully

Mr J Jones

