



10 April 2026

Wiltshire Council
Planning Department
County Hall
Bythesea Road
Trowbridge
Wiltshire
BA14 8JN

Re: PL/2026/01813 – 45 High Street, Pewsey, SN9 5AF
Historical Use of Land Adjacent to Broomcroft Road, Pewsey

Dear Sir or Madam,

We write in connection with the above planning matter and specifically regarding the small parcel of land situated adjacent to our property at  commonly referred to locally as “the orchard”. We understand that questions have recently been raised concerning the long-standing use of this land by our neighbours, Mr and Mrs Fred and Lucy Baier. As residents who have lived alongside this area for several decades, we wish to provide a factual account of the history as we have observed it.

Fred and Lucy Baier have made use of, and have maintained, this land since their arrival in November 1989. At that time, they discussed the status and practical use of the land with us and we believe other neighbours including . We understood that they would take responsibility for the upkeep and day-to-day use of the area. As far as we are aware no objections were raised, and this arrangement has continued without interruption.

From the early 1990s to the present day, their use of the land has been:

- **Open and apparent** – their maintenance and use have always been visible to neighbouring properties and to the wider community.
- **Continuous** – there has been no break in their care or occupation of the land over the past thirty-plus years.
- **Unchallenged** – until the recent enquiry, to the best of our knowledge no individual, organisation, or authority has sought to restrict, question, or alter their use of the land.

Throughout this period, the Baiers have consistently treated the land as an area for which they are responsible, ensuring it remains tidy, safe, and well maintained. To our knowledge, no other party has ever asserted ownership, carried out maintenance, or taken an active interest in the management of this land.

We recognise that the land is owned by Wiltshire Council. Our purpose in writing is simply to provide an accurate and long-established record of the Baiers' use of the land, as observed by us over more than three decades, to assist the Council in its consideration of the matter.

We trust this information is of assistance and would be pleased to clarify any point if required.



Jo & Martin Quilter