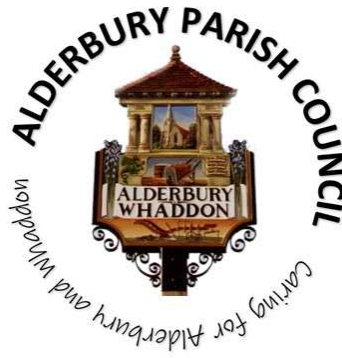




20.5.26

Joe Richardson,
Senior Planning Officer,
Wiltshire Council
By email

Dear Joe,

Ref: [PL/2024/09976 Outline permission for Land off Southampton Road](#).

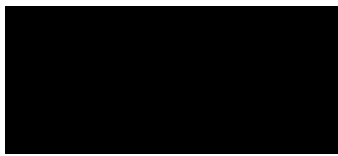
At their meeting last week Alderbury Parish Council (APC) **AGREED to SUPPORT** the amendments in the revised application but subject to the following comments:

- All Council comments are within the proviso that it is recognised: this is outside the settlement boundary and should not be seen as a precedent for any future developments
- APC would like to be consulted on how s.106 money is allocated. They note their requests have been ignored in the past, even as concerns they have raised elsewhere have been proven to be right e.g. drainage problems now severely affecting the Pembroke Gardens development area, the school and the football pitches. They would like to see money allocated to:
 - Creation of a footpath and its development to link with existing rights of way - see below for more details
 - A substantial pot of money be put aside for the long-term maintenance of the green area

That being said:

- This is an improved layout and the developers have responded helpfully to comments made by residents and others. The Council particularly liked changes to the layout in the South east corner
- Councillors and residents are pleased that it has been recognised that more should be done to support wildlife on the site but wonder how this set-aside land will be looked after into the future. More detail is needed on how the extensive green land will be managed. Who will own it? Where will money come from for its upkeep?
- Councillors strongly support the footpath link from Clarendon Road to Junction Road to allow easy access to ALDE20, making a walking route to the school, whilst emphasising the importance of maintaining existing wildlife corridors. They believe that safe walking routes are vital to residents' well-being. The alternative route to school would be up through the new development to Southampton Road, which is the busy main road through the village. Clearly a less desirable route.

- APC recommends very tight controls on drainage and flood mitigation to provide a **sustainable** flood-prevention solution ie one which acknowledges a) the climate emergency changes to rain patterns we are already experiencing and b) that this area is known to contain underground springs. Some of the houses will be sited on the lowest part of the area, which is almost always boggy currently. Local views are important here. The lived-experience in the village is that the concerns they raised in relation to other recent developments this side of Southampton Road have been ignored, and the consequences for new residents, the school, the football club and the Guides are now being felt. Please do ask us or your colleagues for further information.
- Councillors welcome the retention of the allotments and the addition of a dedicated car park. They did comment that the outline plan did not adequately show the pedestrian access point to the allotments. It is important to note the need for a safe access route to the allotments *throughout* the building phase



Liz Holland
Clerk to Alderbury Parish Council