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As the Wiltshire councillor for Bradford on Avon South, I'd like to formally request that application PL/2026/02943 is determined by the Strategic Planning Committee rather than under delegated officer powers.

This is a major outline application for up to 224 houses and a care home on green belt land. In my view it raises a number of complex planning issues of clear local and county-wide importance and this merits determination by elected members.

The application gives rise to the following material planning considerations:

- Principle of development in the green belt and the interpretation of emerging 'grey belt' policy.
- The site's strong contribution to green belt purposes, including preventing coalescence with Trowbridge and preserving the setting of a historic town
- The scale of development, which is substantially above that previously identified for the town and represents a major expansion into open countryside
- Landscape, heritage and ecological impacts, including proximity to designated habitats and the role of the site in the town's setting
- Flood risk and drainage, including whether it has been demonstrated that the development would not increase flood risk elsewhere
- Transport sustainability, including car dependency and the adequacy of active travel assessment
- The broader question of whether the proposal constitutes sustainable, plan-led development in this location

The proposal's generated substantial local interest and concern and (given its scale, sensitivity and potential precedent-setting implications for future green belt development around Bradford on Avon) I consider it appropriate that it's determined transparently by the Strategic Planning Committee.

I'd be grateful if you could confirm receipt and that this request will be taken into account so I can let residents know.

Have a good weekend.

Thanks

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