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The Planning Department
Wiltshire County Council
County Hall
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Dear Sir or Madam,

Permission in Principle Application.
Land at Sopworth Road, Sheston, Wilts.
Erection of up to 5 No. Dwellings. SHELAA ref: 3842

We are the current occupiers of this "PIP land" which has been farmed by the family (R.F. Moody & Sons) for the last 60 years. The land is agriculturally important as it is in close proximity to our substantial farm buildings at Upper Stanbridge Farm, Sherston.

This proposal comprises sporadic piece meal development in the corner of a pasture field with no physical western or northern boundaries which also forms part of the Cotswold National Landscape. Development would damage the countryside with a new road access off a narrow country lane. The recent history of this land identifies an unwelcome speculative stepping stone for residential development with a planning application first for dog training (refused) followed by a private equestrian application which was approved but never implemented.

The village of Sherston has several allocated sites including the Dr Surgery site for 45 dwellings where development has not yet commenced. Other allocated sites are within the village envelope with only one (Green Lane) being currently constructed.

The allocated/consented sites in Sherston more than satisfy the future requirements for new dwellings as identified in the now withdrawn Local Plan. The tilted balance therefore does not support development of rural sites, such as this, in the countryside of Cotswold National Landscape importance which has not been allocated or identified for residential development by the planning authority.

Kind regards.
R F Moody & Sons



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Trevor Moody



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Paul Moody

c.c. Councillor Martin Smith

NB Please acknowledge safe receipt.