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Subject: RE: Notification of EIA Scoping Submission – Land East of Blackmore Farm, Melksham
Attachments: Meeting Gleesons regarding land East of Blackmore Farm 5th March 2026.pdf

Dear Alice,

Re: Land at Sandridge Common (Proposed Phase 2 of Blackmore Farm Development)

Please find enclosed notes from the meeting held on Thursday 5th March 2026 between representatives of Melksham Without Parish Council, Wiltshire Council, Melksham Town Council, and Gleeson Homes, together with their consultants, regarding proposals for the development of land at Sandridge Common.

The meeting provided an opportunity for members to receive a presentation from the developer outlining initial proposals for what is being considered as Phase 2 of the consented Blackmore Farm development. The discussion covered a range of matters including site layout, access arrangements, connectivity, landscape considerations, and community infrastructure.

While members welcomed the early engagement, a number of significant concerns were raised. In particular, these relate to highway access arrangements and the lack of clarity regarding the safeguarding of a potential Melksham by-pass route.

Additional concerns were expressed regarding the cumulative impact on the A3102, the level and type of affordable housing provision, and the absence of bungalows public transport viability, connectivity, potential isolation of parts of the development, and safety considerations in relation to the nearby Battery Energy Storage System.

Members also noted that the site is not currently allocated within the Melksham Neighbourhood Plan or the emerging Wiltshire Local Plan, and therefore consider the proposal to be speculative in nature.

The Parish Council has requested that the developer undertake further, more comprehensive public consultation once the issues identified have been addressed. This should include an in-person event and broader engagement with local residents.
The enclosed notes provide a detailed record of the discussions and matters raised, which the Parish Council expects to be fully considered and addressed as the proposals progress.

Please consider the notes, together with this email, the formal response from Melksham Without Parish Council to the consultation.

Kind regards
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