



31 August 2026

Development Services
Wiltshire Council
County Hall
Bythesea Road
Trowbridge
BA14 8JN

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application: PL/2026/03612

The following is my response to the planning application referenced above received on 3 Jul 2026 and revised on 25 Aug 2026. This letter supersedes my previous response.

I have no objection to the core of this planning application: the garage conversion, construction of a workshop extension and enclosure of a porch.

However, I object to the removal and reconstruction of the boundary wall to enlarge the garden of 2 Piplar Ground to align with the maximum extent of the workshop extension.

1. Part of the appeal of the Southway Park estate is the ample provision of green borders around properties. The relocation of the boundary wall will almost entirely destroy the existing green border and is out of keeping with the original design of the estate.
2. Paragraph 3 of the West Wiltshire District Council planning consent for Phase 6 of the Southway Park development as granted on 8 Feb 1979 stipulates that no development should take place outside the flank walls around properties on the estate. This is clear evidence of intent to preserve the green space around properties. Please refer to the attached document 1978-02-03-SouthwayParkPlanningPhase6-W780127.pdf.
3. There is a precedent for the maintenance of the green space. A resident previously erected a shed on the green space and the West Wiltshire District Council acted to have this removed: please refer to Planning Decision of 02/12/2005 with reference 05/02341/FUL.
4. Relocation of the boundary wall runs contrary to Wiltshire Core Strategy Core Policy 52 (Green Infrastructure) and Core Policy 57 (Ensuring High Quality Design and Place Shaping), both of which are intended to protect green infrastructure of this kind and require development to respect local character.
5. Moving the wall will noticeably harm the visual appeal of Piplar Ground as a whole. This will be a benefit to one household at the expense of other residents.
6. Relocation of the boundary wall will destroy well-established shrubs running along the wall and several small trees which both enhance the ecosystem and add to the ambience of the road. There does not appear to be a plan to replace these and there will probably be a lack of space to do so. The public lay-by will be extremely close to the new wall.
7. The relocated wall will no longer align with the neighbour's wall at number 3 Piplar Ground and will have an ugly discontinuity where they meet.

8. Provision of a door in the relocated wall will limit the opportunity for re-growth of greenery. It will also give the misleading impression that the lay-by belongs to 2 Piplar Ground.

I urge the Council to reject this application as it currently stands. Should my objection not be upheld, I would ask that any permission granted be conditional on space being reserved for reinstatement of bushes and trees of a similar nature to the existing planting as a part of the permission. This will help to preserve the character of the estate.

Yours faithfully,

Richard White