

Appeal 6013972

Interested party comments

Appeal type	Planning
Appeal procedure	Written
Appeal site	56 Yarnbrook Road, Land to the East of Yarnbrook Road, West Ashton, BA14 6AP
Appellant contact details	Vincent Millen [REDACTED]
Local planning authority	Wiltshire
Application number	PL/2026/00531

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Comments

Several of my previous comments have been incorporated into the Case Officer's Report so there is no need to repeat those. And while I do not completely oppose this development I want to point to the Council's duplicity in dealing with similar Applications made for properties along this stretch of the A350/PRN. Every objection raised by Highways has been raised previously about the progressive, creeping development of the adjoining Travellers' Site which has grown from one pitch for the then owner's aged mother - who soon 'moved' to Semington where a very similar application was made for her to live - to the present estimate of 16 pitches a thriving motor business and regular fires which, by definition, involve increased traffic and air pollution. The Travellers are welcome but the Council has clearly lost control of Planning.

Building 9 houses and an additional 2 planned for the 'Barn Conversion' could well be a positive addition to West Ashton and particularly the sorely neglected back end of Lifely Farm. Regardless of whether it is rural, agricultural or equine currently it's a waste land being slowly over taken by rampant brambles and ragwort, bordered by overgrown Hawthorn hedges which the owner's have left unattended for decades. The brambles now grow over the Hawthorn and on to the footpath which the Officer's Report notes is already unsafe for pedestrians.

So I object to this development until the Council has written assurance from the current and future owners that hedges, brambles footpaths and gutters are properly and regularly maintained, in keeping with the responsible land owners who do this as a service to their community.

Finally, development of this site clearly depends on building the very, very long awaited construction of the Yarnbrook Relief Road. If 11 new houses is the price to pay for re-routing the A350/PRN it's a bargain. [Read more](#)

