

**Chippenham Cycle Network Development Group (Cycle Chippenham)
response to planning application PL/2026/04943, Sheldon Business Park,
Sheldon Corner, Sheldon**

Proposal: Change of use of the existing buildings from office accommodation (Use Class E) to an Alternative Learning Provision within Use Class F1(a) – provision of education.

Cycle Chippenham response

Overall

As always, Cycle Chippenham will only be commenting on the proposals from an active travel perspective. We offer no objection to the principle of the change of use.

However, we are concerned that while much consideration has been given to car journeys to and from the site, and mitigating the impact of car journeys on the local community, no consideration appears to have been given to cycled journeys. The best means of traffic mitigation is to eliminate some of those car journeys entirely, which can be achieved by providing high-quality cycle facilities.

The site is within easy cycle reach of nearby settlements, in particular Chippenham and Biddestone. The site can be reached from both using a combination of car-free and quietway routes, with relatively quick journey times (just 5-10 minutes from parts of western Chippenham). Those travelling from these nearby settlements should be encouraged or even incentivised to cycle instead of driving.

However, there appears to be no cycle parking, no showers, and no cycle wayfinding signage.

Our position is therefore **no objection, subject to the following items being conditioned as part of any planning permission.**

Requirement 1: We would expect covered cycle parking for staff, learners, and visitors, in line with the minimum number of spaces set out in Wiltshire Council's LTP3 Cycling Strategy Appendix 4 for educational establishments (D1). This must include a proportion of spaces large enough to accommodate the Cycle Design Vehicle specified in LTN 1/20 (2.8m long x 1.2m wide).

Requirement 2: Wiltshire Council's LTP3 Cycling Strategy policy 4a also requires shower and changing facilities where appropriate. We would ask that this be provided, perhaps using one of the many 'store' areas within the buildings.

Requirement 3: To encourage people coming to site to switch from driving to cycling, we feel it would be reasonable for the applicant to provide cycle wayfinding signage from the business park to both the edges of Chippenham and Biddestone, including minutes to each destination.

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