

WEST SWINDON PARISH COUNCIL

Planning & Environment Committee

Land at Purton Road, Swindon

1. Introduction

- 1.1 Wiltshire Council have received an application for 79 dwellings to be built on this parcel of land in close proximity to the West Swindon Parish boundary.

This application has previously been dismissed at appeal on 6th April 2020.

- 1.2 The application states "This application is now submitted on the premise that since the previous application and appeal proposals were determined, there has been a material change in circumstances as the Purton Neighbourhood Plan (Purton NP) is now more than two years old."

- 1.3 The argument being that in such circumstances the provisions of the National Planning Policy Framework relating to demonstrating a 5 year supply of housing is invoked rather than 3 years where there is a made Neighbourhood Plan less than 2 years old.

Attached as **Appendix A** is a letter from Wiltshire Council with planning details.
Attached as **Appendix B** is the location plan.

2. Consultee comments

- 2.1 Comments have been made in relation to this application, including from Dorset & Wiltshire Fire and Rescue, Environment Agency, Natural England, Highways England and numerous residents. All comments can be found here: [Document search results for 20/10523/OUT \(wiltshire.gov.uk\)](#)

- 2.2 A summary of some resident comments:

I object to this proposed residential development. I understand a similar proposal has already been rejected recently. There is too much ad hoc building going on in the area, with groups of houses popping up, chipping away at the identity of the local area. Purton must not be swallowed up in the sprawl. In the last day or two, major flooding in the area has been noticed after a couple of days' heavy rain. Another patch of houses, driveways and roads can only add to this problem, that becomes noticeably worse as development continues apace. The proposed development was not approved before. Please reject this current one, too. Keep a green buffer between Purton and Swindon. Stop the increase of local flooding. I noticed yesterday that the latest development has a road called 'The Buffer'. How cynical can you get?

This application has been refused "On Appeal" the only change from the original is 2 less houses. Purton's services are busting at the seams especially the Doctor's Surgery.

The road system is under severe pressure with the many additional houses already built in the area. I object strongly to this 3rd attempt by the applicant

I am concerned about point 4.2.5 in the Transport assessment, the cycle route seems to be broken Without clear safety consideration given to cyclists using this route. My child (and several others from the Ridgeway Farm, Peatmoor and Sparcells estates) use this route to get to school, Nova Hreod. I can't see from the plans, that there are any safety provisions in place to prevent the children cycling to school on The Old Purton Road, coming into contact with traffic coming in and out of the site entrance.

3. Recommendations

- 3.1 Councillors should note the application. Councillors may wish to submit feedback to Wiltshire Council due to the proximity of the application to the West Swindon Parish boundary.

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