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By Email

Date: 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022  
Reference: MD34068

Dear Nick,

I am writing on behalf of Holt Parish Council who recently contacted me regarding the planning application PL/2022/03315, submitted by Gladman Developments Ltd.

This is the second time that a similar application has been submitted for this piece of land, (the first being refused in 2015) and the village as a whole have strong concerns about the proposals.

Holt has met its share of new housing, including the development of 44 homes on the Tannery brownfield site, the development of 10 affordable homes at Star Ground and a further 8 homes on a site at Firlawn. The current proposal would increase the population by a staggering 12% and would massively change the dynamic of the village.

The application PL/2022/03315 for 90 dwellings is a considerable amount for the village and its existing infrastructure to accommodate and there are no material changes to the village (such as road layouts) that led to this application being refused last time. I understand over 100 residents attended a recent parish council meeting to discuss the application and the strength of feeling is overwhelmingly that the village do not want this development – they have taken more than their fair share.

I have been to visit the site in person and the planning application would dramatically alter the dynamic of the village and it would make it more linear in nature. I would be grateful if you would meet with me and representatives from the Parish Council on site to discuss this application at greater length. I would also appreciate it if you would update me as to the progress of this application and in light of the adherence to the Neighbourhood Plan, which has been 'made' by the village in full consultation with Wiltshire Council and would be expected to be taken into account in the decision making process.

I really do think that Holt has taken its fair share of housing over the years and I urge you to reconsider this planning application. I have enclosed a copy of the letter submitted by the Parish Council for your attention

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michelle Donelan'.

The Rt Hon Michelle Donelan MP  
Member of Parliament for the Chippenham Constituency

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