

Comments made to Wiltshire Council Spatial Planning in respect of the principle of housing development on Britford Meadows

The Society believes that the landscape impact of development here, and the consequent damage to the city's landscape setting, would be completely unacceptable, irrespective of whatever design was put forward. It believes that the fact that fairly intensive development has taken place over the years south of Britford Lane, with the land to its north left undeveloped, is an indication of a long-term perception that the character of the city benefits immeasurably from the green corridor which runs in almost up the the cathedral, and that there is no justification now for altering this situation.

Salisbury Area Greenspace Partnership would register a strong objection to any proposal for the development of the Britford Meadows site for housing. Any such development would jeopardize the unique character and high quality landscape setting of the city in this area where the green corridor associated with the river valley penetrates right into the heart of the city.

The Greenspace Partnership would also be highlighting the importance of the Britford Meadows site as a buffer zone in relation to the River Avon which is a Site of Special Scientific Interest & Special Area of Conservation with European significance in terms of its species rarity & diversity. Any housing development on the north side of Britford Lane would put unacceptable pressure on this high quality riverine environment.

I would be grateful if you could add these comments to those already received under the informal consultation on the housing site allocations exercise. The Partnership will of course comment again, when further opportunities arise.

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