

PLANNING APPLICATION 19/08298/OUT

Planning application should be denied for the following reasons.

In accordance with the current Wiltshire Core Strategy (WCS) this planning application fails to meet even the most basic criteria. The Parish of Lyneham and Bradenstoke is a rural community consisting of a large village and a small village (as identified in the WCS). The WCS also states that development in large villages will be of 10 units or fewer. This number can be increased if there is a 'demonstrable need' within the community for such a development. There is no such need within the community.

This proposed development is also on Greenfield and is outside the existing settlement boundary. Once again, in the WCS, it states that developments on Greenfield or developments that will expand the settlement boundary will only be allowed if there is a 'demonstrable need' in the community and the development is for Social/affordable housing only. THERE IS NO SUCH NEED.

Wiltshire Council manage a list of people that are looking for housing in various areas and for our Parish, that list contains 7 names. There are plans currently in place for Green Square to redevelop St. Michael's Close. That redevelopment will more than accommodate those names. There is also no requirement from Wiltshire Council for further development in our village to meet its strategic housing aims.

There are new build houses in the village that have not sold. There are in excess of 25 houses of various sizes on the market in Lyneham and Bradenstoke.

A number of housing surveys have been carried out and there is absolutely no demonstrable need for a development of this size.

There is an absolute need to protect Lyneham's landscape, the distinct character of the village, and, its rural spaces. This is also identified in the Wiltshire Infrastructure Delivery Plan 3 2011 – 2026 (2016) which makes it clear that where villages within the parts of the Royal Wootton Bassett Community area (in which Lyneham falls), the identity, character and settings of these settlements should be protected.

The process of reapplying for planning should not change the outcome, as it is outside of the policies set down by Wiltshire Core Strategy it should be refused. There is no requirement or need for this size of development in the village. How many times must we go through this process to make this clear.

The Parish council supports comments made by the Lyneham and Bradenstoke Development Plan steering group. A copy of their comments are included.

Lyneham and Bradenstoke Planning committee.