

Dear Vic,

Thank you for your email.

Whilst it seems likely that I will be asked to provide conservation input on the forthcoming application, my involvement so far has been very limited and, at this stage, I would certainly wish to defer to my colleagues Richard Hughes and Andrew Minting's greater experience of the site. My only input to date has been to attend a single meeting, which took place at the request of the applicants after they had received the Council's response to their pre-application enquiry in December. I was not involved and therefore not in a position to provide written comments at the time that the enquiry was received or responded to and, in fact, only had a very brief notice period of a couple of days to try to scan through some of the documents received before the meeting. Given the imminent arrival of an application and other workloads, it is likely that I will postpone serious and detailed consideration of the various documents until we have the submission and it becomes clear exactly what is included and in what format.

In order to provide you with a response on this occasion therefore I have conferred with Richard Hughes and I can confirm the Council's position in respect of your queries as follows:

- Wiltshire Council's view on the Sep 2014 draft (and incidentally Mr Hodge advised the Parish Council in Dec 14 that he had not seen any comments from the WC on the document).

The Council provided a view in its pre application letter to the applicants in December 2014. This letter and its exact contents are confidential at this time. However, we indicated that the draft document was not acceptable to the LPA in the form it had been presented.

- Whether Wiltshire Council still perceives that an acceptable CAMP, suitably endorsed, is essential 'as a material consideration for development control purposes' to quote from the Malmesbury CAMP.

Whilst a suitably endorsed/adopted CAMP would be a material consideration, the applicant is the sole author of the current document, which it appears has now been submitted as evidence/background papers in support of the current invalid application submission. The LPA cannot comment further on this document until it has validated the application and digested the submitted contents.

- Whether Wiltshire Council intends to pursue an acceptable CAMP prior to giving consideration to a planning application for the proposed development on the Airfield and if not the reason why.

We cannot refuse to register or deal with the current submitted application on the basis that an acceptable CAMP has not yet been developed/adopted. Such a document could take many months to prepare, particularly as the formal adoption process involves a consultation process. The LPA will therefore need to assess the current application (once valid) on the basis of the information submitted by the applicant. The application will be considered on the basis of the requirements of the adopted Core Strategy policy, and any other material considerations.

Kind Regards,

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