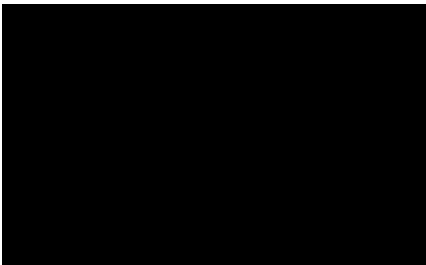

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Appeal Site: Land off Rabley Wood View, Marlborough, Wilts.
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Dear Sirs,

I write as a local resident against the above appeal. At the time of both the Section 52 Agreements (1983 and 1987) I was a Marlborough Town Councillor. The parcel of land which The Appellant wishes now to build on was then owned by the Town Council which had inherited the ownership from the previous Marlborough Borough Council.

The Town Council were very keen to build First Time affordable homes on the adjoining land and entered into a partnership with Kennet District Council to achieve this worthy aim. The subsequent development to be known as Rogers Meadow. When planning permission was given the piece of land now the subject of this appeal was designated to be an "Open Space in perpetuity". This was to provide the residents of Rogers Meadow with an open space and recreational area for the benefit of themselves and their children. Later developments of Rabley Wood View and The Thorns have also benefitted from this Open Space.

I am therefore appalled that if the Appellant is successful this precious area of Open Space which has been protected "In Perpetuity" under the terms of the original planning permission for Rogers Meadow and other nearby developments is to be destroyed. The area of land offered in compensation is wholly inappropriate. In no way can it be considered the equal of the open space it replaces. It is less accessible for many of the nearby houses and most importantly would result in parents not being able to see their children playing. The new recreational area proposed is out of sight for many houses, and situated in a meadow which is flooded for several weeks of the year. A situation which even with new drainage will only get worse as a result of the current investment from Thames Water to reduce water abstraction from the nearby rivers Og and Kennet. The water table will rise resulting in this meadow being water logged and unable to be used as a recreational area for most of the winter months.

I urge the Inspectorate to reject this appeal and honour the planning decision made many years ago that this parcel of land be kept as an open space "In Perpetuity".

Yours faithfully,

