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To the Clerk of Baydon parish Council

Re: (Pre-build) - Complaint against Baydon Parish Council and the Proposed Buildout at Ermin Close/Finches Lane, Baydon, Marlborough Wilts.

I write this letter to make an official complaint on behalf of the residents of Baydon village regarding Baydon Parish Council's failed process around the proposed buildout. The Council has been deliberately evasive, wholly undemocratic and to my mind incompetent from start to finish.

Baydon Parish Council has failed to operate a robust and inclusive process, has jointly failed along with Wiltshire County Council to follow government guidelines and failed in a lack of meaningful dialogue with impacted residents. To compound these fundamental failings there has been a complete lack of transparency, a failure in a duty of care and above all a fundamental failure to listen to and represent the residents of Baydon.

The residents have tried to engage with the Parish Council for an extraordinary meeting on the above issue asking for a pause and a halt for extra consultation to this ill-conceived traffic calming buildout and before the 19th March but to date, we have not been afforded this request.

This project was solely instigated and executed by the former incumbent Chairman Councillor Witt. Despite some Councillors disagreeing with her stance, she continued to forge ahead regardless of genuine objections from both Residents and some of her fellow Councillors. The now acting Chairman, pre-councillor, has been inconsistent in her views. The village largely feels let down.

We have recently discovered that the proposed buildout is scheduled to commence on Monday 19th March 2018 however, no residents have been notified individually by either the Parish Council or Wiltshire County Council. Instead a notice appeared on 23rd February 2018 on the village shop notice board and on Baydon notice board Facebook page. Some of the impacted residents are elderly and do not use a computer or visit the village shop and are not aware of the imminent road closure and commencement of these proposed works.

The residents have on numerous occasions expressed their concerns and have repeatedly warned the Parish Council of serious danger if this buildout is installed. We, the Residents of Baydon, fully

intend to hold both Baydon Parish Council and Wiltshire County Council to account for these serial failures as to my mind, you are both equally culpable. Baydon Parish Council could have resolved these concerns on many occasions, but seemingly didn't want to be anything but evasive, presumably as they aren't used to being challenged or reacting to a genuine need for meaningful consultation.

It seems inevitable that the failed process, suboptimal consultation and ignored duty of care will soon manifest itself into serious accidents.

I would please ask that this complaint be held as a matter of record jointly with my previous correspondence dated 24th January 2018 and my e-mail to Councillor Chidgey dated 26th February 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Jane Archer