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FEEDBACK STARTS BELOW:

You state that 'This Neighbourhood Development Plan seeks to ensure that any development within the Conservation Area does not change the character or nature of the Conservation Area and preserves the setting and significance of individual heritage assets and listed buildings'. However, development on KS3, of any kind, would not align with this objective, for the following reasons:

I note there are several listed buildings which back onto the winterbourne stream. Development on KS3 directly compromises their setting which has historically enjoyed outstanding views to the ridgeline, and consequently will reduce their significance considerably.

I feel certain that many people (Kings Somborne' residents and tourists alike) also enjoy the aspect as they walk along the footpath towards, or away from, Froghole Lane, and it should therefore be recognised as an area of important character to the village, and quite different in nature to other parts of the winterbourne stream. Development of KS3 would alter the appearance of this meadow considerably, and the appearance of the 'Bourne'.

During my daily evening walk up Cow Drove Hill, along the top track, and back down the footpath towards Froghole, I always pause on emerging from the hedge rowed footpath at the South Western corner of 'KS3' to marvel at the outstanding beauty of this meadow, and I know that friends, family, and neighbours also do the same. There is always something to see, whether it be the buzzards which roost in the ivy-covered stump next to the beautiful purple beech, the deer, ducks, hares or owls, or the simple beauty of the flora, a few steps away from the bridge, where wildlife inhabiting the stream (including families of ducks, kingfishers and moorhens) are often viewed. Perhaps these species will not be quite so keen to make this spot their home with the proposed disruption caused by this building work and resulting permanent increased noise and degraded meadowland.

A huge amount of personal wellbeing and respite from the busy road is gained from the proximity to this beautiful spot. It seems very sad to rob future generations of this respite, whether it will be those who will be living in the modest dwellings along this stretch, or those living in the grander listed buildings which have enjoyed this aspect for centuries, or the wider community of passers' by on the footpath to the south.

Highlights of this include watching the bats which fly up and down the length of the stream, foraging around the small group of ash trees at the bottom of the gardens, and into the meadow itself. Baby grass snakes and slow worms are frequently found nesting in my compost heap and are no doubt in existence along the footpath. I believe these species will move further afield if your proposal goes ahead in any form on KS3. It is surprising it cannot be considered a potential LAG for it is a place of beauty, and tranquillity and has an abundance of wildlife, is local in character, and with good visibility from the footpath to Froghole.

I am considerably concerned about potential increased flooding risk that development of KS3 would cause and the devastation this will cause to current residents' wellbeing.