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**Subject:** FW: OBJECTION TO THE INCLUSION OF OLD HOPYARD WELLOW LANE NORTON ST PHILIP BA27NB IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN  
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**From:** [REDACTED]

**Sent:** Friday, October 4th 2024, 14:17

**Subject:** OBJECTION TO THE INCLUSION OF OLD HOPYARD WELLOW LANE NORTON ST PHILIP BA27NB IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

To all Members of the Parish Council via the Clerk and Mr Andre Sestini Somerset County Council  
The objection to the inclusion of our property in the Neighbourhood Plan is very straight forward and this one issue is the only matter that needs to be addressed. The interference in our lives has been unnecessary and unwarranted for one simple reason which is set out below. This has caused us considerable stress and unhappiness also affecting our lives in the village. This property owned by my wife and I has Grade II Listed status. The Neighbourhood Plan is the culmination of 9 years of action by Mendip District Council and the Norton St Philip Parish Council which began in relation to the Local Plan Part II. At the commencement of the process in late 2015 a set of guidelines were published by MDC and then the same guidelines were published again by NSP Parish Council. The guidelines are those which originated from the Department of Housing. I wish to draw your attention to one item in those guidelines as it relates to LISTED PROPERTIES and I believe it was the first item mentioned in the published list of guidelines. It states that there is no necessity to apply any additional designation to the land within the curtilage of a LISTED BUILDING. It further states that there is little or no benefit in doing so. I must point out that in early 2016 NSP Parish Council withdrew our property from the list requiring a designation in relation to Local Green Spaces. However within a few weeks our property was again included for further designation. Since that time it has been impossible to get an explanation from the PC or MDC as to why the Government Guidelines have been continually ignored. I recently had a conversation with a member of the PC during which he stated that our property remains in the Neighbourhood Plan due to the OALS (ie a designation) that is already in place. The simple fact is the Government Guidelines are quite clear and the OALS like the Neighbourhood Plan apply further designations to a property that is sufficiently protected by the listed status and these additional designations are simply not required. The process in relation to Local Green Spaces and the Neighbourhood Plan has been an unnecessary and unpleasant intrusion into our lives. It is time for the Government Guidelines to be applied in respect of our property and the PC should immediately withdraw Old Hopyard from the Neighbourhood Plan and Somerset County Council should recognise that no designation other than the Listed Status is necessary and therefore should withdraw the OALS which is simply not required. The protection of the land within the curtilage is already in place because of the Listed Status. There is no justification for imposing any additional designation on our property. We look forward to a communication from both the Parish Council and Somerset County Council that notifies us of the withdrawal of our property from the Neighbourhood Plan and the ending of the OAL that currently relates to our property or to provide us with an explanation as to why you continually insist on applying additional designations - 3 in all. Please also advise us of the legal justification for the inclusion of our property to remain in the Neighbourhood Plan and the OALS.

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