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Development at Roundway/Folly Road

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The landowners, the Merchant Venturers, have asked that this land at Roundway be designated a strategic development site with a potential build of hundreds of new houses. With the above criteria in mind, it is proposed that this meeting expresses its firm opposition by a vote from the floor, to any development by them, or any other developer, on the site at Folly Road in Devizes

* 'Sustainable' does not currently have a very robust definition, but perhaps this one should be borne in mind: "No action should be taken that prejudices the options available to future generations." On this count, both developments fail.

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