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Dear Sirs

Please find attached letter concerning the planning application in Templecombe.

Best wishes  
Caroline de la Force



ASSOCIATION OF BRITISH MEMBERS OF  
THE SOVEREIGN MILITARY HOSPITALLER ORDER  
OF ST JOHN OF JERUSALEM, OF RHODES AND OF MALTA

THE CHANCELLOR

22 January 2020

The Planning Department  
South Somerset District Council  
Brympton Way  
Yeovil,  
Somerset  
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Dear Sirs,

Planned Housing Development at Templecombe

The Sovereign Military Order of Malta, headquartered in Rome, is the entity which is the successor of the Knights Hospitaller of St John of Jerusalem in England. The Order inherited the preceptory of Templecombe after 1312 when the Templars were dissolved. The Order of St John of Jerusalem in England and Wales was itself dissolved by Henry VIII in 1540 although the Order itself continued in Catholic Europe. The British Association of the Sovereign Military Order of Malta was founded in 1875 as a British charitable body.

We are aware that a plan has been submitted for housing development on the site at Templecombe historically owned by ourselves. This will inevitably destroy all archaeological remains which we understand have only been superficially examined. The site is also one of very considerable historic interest and attracts a considerable number of visitors because of the growing enthusiasm for the history of the Templars and the Hospitallers.

We very much hope this damaging proposal will be turned down.

Yours sincerely

  
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