



The Friends of Abingdon  
Civic Society

**Letter to the planning inspectorate with respect to 42 Wootton Road**

19 June 2011

(see separate fuller letter with respect to Champion House)

Re: Applications: APP/V3120/A/11/2152041, 10/01611/FUL      42 Wootton Road, Abingdon  
APP/V3120/A/11/2152242, 10/01677/FUL,      Champion House, Wootton  
Road, Abingdon

The Friends of Abingdon are very concerned in general at the way family homes and distinctive buildings in Abingdon are being demolished to make way for high density developments of little architectural value - in particular flat roofed 3 storey blocks as being built in Northcourt Road and as proposed for 42 Wootton Road. We fully support the comments which have been made by the neighbours and the Town Council with respect to this proposal.

We urge the inspector not to consider each of these applications in isolation, but to give more thought to their impact on the environment of the area. We note in particular the reference to the "spacious and sylvan" setting of this area mentioned in the appeal statement by JPPC. The gardens of North Abingdon provide a valuable amenity to residents in an area which has a high density of traffic flow and is surrounded by a ring road and major trunk road. The most recent developments in the town centre have been high density, but these are mitigated to some extent by the access to parks and the riverside and we would not want such dense development to become a norm throughout the town.

Yours sincerely,

Member of Executive Council responsible for Planning Matters

**Outcome:** Appeal pending (30-08-2011)