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High Street  
Halberton  
Tiverton  
Devon EX16 7AG

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Mid Devon Planners

Dear Sirs,

### **Masterplanning Consultation: TEUE**



I would like the opportunity to comment on the above – second – consultation on the way in which the proposed Tiverton Eastern extension is managed.

For me, the key to this development is adequate traffic management. It is clear that, without a new access onto the A361 Link Road, both the works and the resultant increase in residents will have a very damaging effect on the existing population in terms of accident risk, noise and pollution.

In December 2010, Planning Officers prepared a report on a development on Hartnoll Farm. At that time, even such a small development was considered 'refusable' on the grounds of detriment as a result of traffic. *"In the opinion of the Local Planning Authority, the development would result in an unacceptable increase in traffic which would have a detrimental impact on residents of Halberton and Blundell's Road, including the school. The proposal is therefore contrary to Policy TR10 of the Devon Structure Plan 2001-2016 and Policy S5 of the Adopted Mid Devon Local Plan (Local Development Framework)."*

Times have moved on, but the principle remains – Halberton and Blundell's will suffer if development is allowed without properly addressing the issue of traffic. The access planned onto the Link Road needs to be in place before development commences. Adequate signage and traffic management measures need to be implemented to make sure that traffic is directed away from Halberton High Street, where pedestrians (including young children going to and from school) would be at greater risk.

Yours faithfully,

John Anderson