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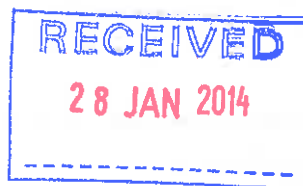
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Dear Sir/Madam

I am writing this letter to you to voice my opposition to the planned development on the outskirts of Tiverton, called the Eastern Urban Extension.

I live in Tidcombe and I already find Blundell's Road extremely congested with traffic. The roads are already a hazard, especially when the parents/relatives of Blundell's school pupils park their cars and 4x4 jeeps along the length of the sports fields that sit directly in front of the junction for Tidcombe Lane, thus causing students to dart in front of cars wanting to turn onto Blundell's Road. These new plans will have an irrepressible impact on the quality of road safety for us residents that are living here and already paying the council taxes to keep our roads safe and congestion free, also, it will impact the children's safety as they run across the roads with little concern to the danger they put themselves in or the driver's safety, the roads (should these plans go ahead, as I'm sure they will!) will become extraordinarily congested, the plan at present is for three hundred homes (this undoubtedly will increase as all housing estates I've ever seen built always do), will have at least 300 hundred cars, yes, not every house will have a car, but many will have more than one car as is the norm now.

I hope my letter or indeed any letters opposing this will not be disregarded as a few residents in fear of change and progress, the fact is there is very little in the way on industry and economic growth in Tiverton so unless these three hundred homes are bringing in more businesses that we don't know about, I fail to see how this will have a positive impact on the current residents, except for the parties included in the substantial financial gain that the contractors will be throwing money at to keep happy as long as they get their way. I understand I am sounding extremely cynical but I have seen this happen time and time again, local residents are asked for their views/say on the overall decision to allow these plans to go ahead and all that happens is the council give lip service to us residents, all the while already making plans for the next sum of money coming their way from the next development. Every single development I've seen has always increased within a year or two to way over the initial housing amount, you could argue that it's the shortage of housing that is causing this, but the country as a whole has a shortage as we've allowed more people than we can cope with living here, does that mean that the more people that decide to move into Tiverton we will just keep hacking away at the countryside to accommodate them? We barely have enough NHS centres to cope, my Doctors surgery is always full and I'm normally kept waiting as they've been overbooked,

my dentist is currently fully booked, so unless you completely enlarge the town as a whole, building more and more houses will have more of an impact than traffic congestion (which will mean having to get up earlier and earlier due to the council wanting to make money).

In conclusion, I am showing my deep concern for not just the congested roads which no doubt will impact severely on our standard of living, also, the overall impact this will have on Tiverton as whole, regarding the resources we currently have, as business isn't exactly booming with the amount of shops that are closing down. Please understand that it's hard to give positives when you will not be impacted by the negatives, everything is always simpler and hard to grasp when you're not living with the consequences day in day out of someone else's actions. This has happened to many towns I've known that have started off with a few hundred houses built here and there, until the town is virtually unrecognisable as the place it was before and loses all sense of the greatness, uniqueness it once had. So before you write this letter off as another moaning, small minded, small town imbecile, please understand that this change will affect my partner, myself and all the current residents living in this area, do we not deserve quality of life in a town we choose to pay our taxes to?

Yours Sincerely

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