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From:
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Dear Sir

As a resident outside the allocated Post Hill site but very close to it I particularly wish to comment on the report of the Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension Plan.

Option 1 Areas 14

These should remain as they are, ie green countryside in view of the close proximity of the Old Railway Pathway. This is a popular route for pedestrians, cyclists and people who want to enjoy the spectacular wildlife and surrounding natural countryside. To urbanise this area, in any format would be a natural disaster when there are still brown sites in Tiverton within the current town boundaries which could be developed further or put aside for recreational sites.

I would comment that the Old Railway Pathway does already need improved signage to identify the sustrans route.

Option 2 Green Infrastructure 3.26

The existing Green Areas to the south of the Old Railway Pathway are already heavens for wildlife and should be left undisturbed to safeguard the delicate balance of nature. Consequently I shall be contacting RSBP, Friends of the Earth and a badger protection society for their advice on how your proposed changes will damage the natural habitat and wildlife.

A new suggestion that Glebelands Road and/or Follett Road should be extended is totally unacceptable. These roads are accessed from Tidcombe Lane which becomes log jammed at many times of the day and this includes the additional traffic from Blundell's School, not just the local residents. I suggest that if you carried out a survey on Glebelands Road you would note this already suffers from on street parking - 10 to 15 vehicles at any time, day or night causing single line traffic only. The local bus drivers would tell you that the difficulties they face driving along Tidcombe Lane and Glebelands Road where they regularly have to drive on the pavement to negotiate parked vehicles. The police have also been contacted to try and resolve the issue but they have not been supportive. Follett Road serves 3 cul-de-sacs and carries this additional traffic load. For either of these roads to be extended to Manley

Lane would invite through traffic for which these roads were never designed and would invariably lead to a heightened risk of road traffic accidents. Follett Road is a service road and is not physically wide enough to carry additional traffic.

The vast majority of properties are owner/occupied by residents who have invested their life's savings therein and property would be seriously devalued by the significant alteration of the surrounding local environment.

The further suggestion of pitches for Gypsies is seriously flawed. There are numerous examples elsewhere of such pitches then becoming permanent sites for Gypsies causing site damage and costly court proceedings to secure eviction all at the local taxpayers expense. I was not aware that Mid Devon Council have the resources to fund such an expense.

Furthermore I am interested to understand how the whole infrastructure of Tiverton would cope with such a large urbanisation plan. The hospital has to already close on a regular basis, supermarket car parks are regularly full to capacity, let alone the impact on schools. No doubt the nature of housing stock built would be high density which would be totally out of character for the whole Post Hill and Blundells Road area where gardens and space between properties, whatever their type have been built with sentiment.

There are undoubtedly may more concerns from residents within and outside the site when the next public consultation takes place.

Yours faithfully,

John and Jean Bennett (Mr & Mrs)

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