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Master plan for Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension

This letter is to declare our opposition to the Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension Master plan. We became residents of Pool Anthony Drive in December 2001, moving from very rural area in the Blackdown Hills. The move was made as a result of my wife becoming disabled through Rheumatoid Arthritis. We are now in the twilight years of our lives, I being 77 years of age and my wife some 4 years younger. We selected this location because of its relatively quiet environment, the age band of its residents and the level nature of the ground. The thought of the turmoil that will surround us and the degradation of the environment in terms of noise and air quality that will result from up to 15 years of building the development is very depressing and may already have had a detrimental effect on our health.

We are not so much concerned as to the detail of the master plan as the fact there is a plan. We are concerned that the time is not right for such a development, conceived in a different political climate and probably in the wrong place. I am led to understand that there have not been any actual requests from Industry for employment areas on the edge of Tiverton whereas there have been for areas closer to the M5. The loss of prime agricultural land is also a consideration. We are now told by the experts us that we need to minimize the loss land in order to meet future requirements for food.

Is the plan viable for we are in a period of recession? There are people who think the way out of a recession is build and spend but we do not believe that this is the case this time round. The costs of the infrastructure necessary for the implementation of the master plan are not to be fully met by those who will profit from such a development and not all the remaining finance required will be met by government. The result is that we tax payers will not only have to endure the aforementioned detrimental change to our environment but have to pay for the privilege.

We are utterly and completely against this extension and it is a central topic of conversation for anyone associated with Tiverton and its environs. We have not met one person who is in favour of the development; but there many who are actively against it.

We believe that our future is about to be changed for the worse but, unfortunately, moving to another quiet location is not an option.

Yours sincerely,

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