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Dear Sirs

I do not find your consultation process very consultive. Firstly you are offering 2 options for which there has been no prior consultation, therefore, the choice is a or b. Secondly the timescale in which you have offered the chance to view and consult on these previously decided options has been very short and for those of us out at work and busy schedules it has been impossible to attend.

I would be interested in how you arrived at the number of houses required for this area. There has been extensive development in Cullompton and proposed further development with easy access to the M5 and even these houses have not easily sold. There has also been the development of a new town, Cranbrook, these properties are also slow in selling and yet offer easier transport links to Exeter where there is employment opportunities.

Having moved to Tiverton just 18 months ago I know that employment opportunities are not easy to come by in this area, both myself and my husband are forced to travel to work. The roads are already very busy with traffic and with more housing there will be more commuters causing more pollution impacting on the environment, health and well being of the population.

Having recently listened to a report regarding the demise of our natural wildlife species to the point of extinction I am very concerned that the surveys regarding wildlife are incomplete. We certainly observe bats in our garden in the evenings, have had toads, a whole variety of birds including a pair of woodpeckers and these are only a few of the wildlife we have observed. Why cant Tiverton be different and take a stand on keeping green space and caring for the wildlife instead of turning into the common urban sprawl?

As a mother of 3 young men I am very aware of the need for affordable housing but I do not feel it is necessary to carve up our green space to provide it. Furthermore our transport links are not good enough to avoid clogging up the roads with more cars. Any housing built needs to have infrastructure in place, employment opportunities in existence and existing transport.

Where we cannot stop development it must be within keeping of the existing housing, with the upmost care taken to preserve greenery, views and traffic noise and congestion, I do not think your proposals currently meet this requirement.

Yours sincerely

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