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Local Plan Review Consultation
Forward Planning, Mid Devon District Council
Phoenix House
Phoenix Lane
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Dear Sirs,

Draft Local Plan Review

We are writing to object to Option 1 in the Local Plan Review:- the possible further extension of Tiverton eastwards to the Grand Western Canal, which would include most of Hartnoll Farm.

The rural landscape east of Manley Lane forms an ideal green corridor between Tiverton and Halberton and this would be destroyed if Hartnoll Farm were to be developed. Furthermore, there is a real danger that the individual character of Halberton would be lost and that the village would, in effect, become an extension of Tiverton. The development would also have a severe adverse effect on the Grand Western Canal, one of Mid Devon's main tourist attractions, as it would mean the loss of many fine country views. It is our opinion that Hartnoll Farm should remain an agricultural enterprise and that such valuable farmland must not be lost for future generations.

It must also be taken into account that traffic problems would be exacerbated through post Hill to Halberton - Halberton already experiences considerable road congestion and road safety issues, and the building of 1100 houses at Hartnoll Farm would make these problems not only worse but also completely unacceptable.

In our opinion other options are much more preferable, especially Option 2a, the building of a new settlement at Junction 27/Willand. This would be ideally placed as a transport hub near the junction of the M5 and A361, as well as Tiverton Parkway station. This location would inevitably be an attraction to many commercial and retail businesses, while local residential development would be in demand from those commuting to Exeter, Taunton, and even Plymouth and Bristol.

Yours truly /

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