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Culmstock
Devon
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Local Plan Review
Forward Planning
Mid Devon District Council
Phoenix Lane
Tiverton
EX16 6PP

23rd February 2014

Dear Sirs,

We are writing to object in the strongest terms regarding the proposed development site for 25 houses in Culmstock, located at the Glebe and Rackfields to the south of the village.

We are puzzled and very saddened as to why a modern housing development should be sited high on the rise of beautiful green belt countryside, overlooking and decimating the wonderful views and rural, unspoilt character of this ancient settlement.

The whole area suffers greatly with excess rain water at present, are you proposing to endanger surrounding properties and put them at risk of flooding? Are no lessons being learnt?

How about all the wonderful wildlife habitats that will be destroyed? We, as a family, feel very privileged to live in such an unspoilt location and find the thought of diggers ripping up this stunning area unthinkable. Also, the light pollution to the night skies can only be utterly detrimental to human and wildlife.

Culmstock school is fit to burst now it has so many pupils on its role. Since our daughter started there in 2008 aged four there has been nearly a 50% increase in pupils. Where are any new pupils going to go, or is more building work the answer?

The whole of the village infrastructure will not be able to cope with this proposed development; roads, drainage, flooding, sewerage, light pollution, loss of wildlife habitats, the list is endless. And the greatest loss of all - a dearly loved part of this ancient village that should be treated with care and respect. Once the land is built on it is gone forever, our heritage with it.

This is the thin end of the wedge, very thin indeed.

We hope you take time to read and appreciate the content of this letter and the implications that your scheme will have.

Yours faithfully

The Whatling family.