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**With regard to development in Coplestone**

Dear Sir/Madam

I have lived in Coplestone for 5 years with my husband and children, aged 4 and 6, and now a puppy too.

Is this planning a simple 'yes' or 'no' situation?

The obvious answer for many reasons from the current residents of Coplestone is 'No'. This is a normal answer to development. But maybe this will simply be over ruled by a 'yes, we must build houses, here is a good spot, on the main road, train station (although trains may not actually stop here indefinitely) new recreation field coming on, shop, school etc..... so we won't listen to 'No' and will enforce 'Yes'.

What about a 'yes' but with strict conditions? These are some I have thought of.

1. The new houses must be sensibly linked to the rest of the village.

Dulings estate should have a footpath between it and the village. At present residents with buggys and children must walk along the main road where cars normally go at 50 and pavement is narrow. This is unacceptable. A footpath must link from Dulings and the new estates to Bewsley hill possibly to Fernworthy. Shambles should have a footbridge over the railway to the other estate coming from behind the school. Privacy must not become isolation.

2. Traffic calming and zebra crossings/pedestrian crossings.

A larger settlement needs facilities to cut speed and children must be able to reach all areas of the village with reasonable safety. (Like in a town). Main roads are isolating.

3. Doctors surgery.

(Thats an obvious one)

4. Extend school.

(Its full I think)

5. A decent park.

( Whats that one in Dulings, an insult I would say, my children call it Dull Park)

6. Green space.

Less greedy developers may include this anyway.

7. Replacement footpath through fields.

The 'Farm Shop Walk' will be lost under tarmac. Scientific evidence shows contact with nature is important to health of children. Older folk are advised to walk a mile a day by doctors. This path is well used and very important to all.

8. Acceptable arrangements of houses.

Some developments feel nice some speak of developers greed.

9. A pavillion.

A few people in Coplestone are trying to raise money for a replacement village hall which is badly needed  
The developers must make up the money so it can be built at last.

10. Amenities must be updated to cope with large population.

11. Useable public transport for commuters.

Do we need 216 more cars driving from here to Exeter? We have struggled to use public transport for 5 years. Now set to become a 2 car family which feels like failure. I think a good bus service would be every 15 - 20 mins from here to Exeter, not just terminating at the bus station but continuing to the Met office, say. Last bus home at midnight.

12. A bike wrack trailer on the train.

There is a cycle trail at each end of the Tarker line. They have them in Holland. Why not?

13. A skate park.

Tackling childhood obesity!

14. A duckpond.

Well I just want one.

Yours faithfully

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