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42 Higher Street Cullompton Devon EX15 1AJ

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Forward Planning & Conservation

Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for inviting the residents of mid Devon for their views on future development of this beautiful area.

I hope this time the council will adopt the views of the people they represent and not just use this opportunity as another box ticking exercise.

I personally do not believe that expanding Willand to junction 27 is the right thing to do. I believe that any new development should be by existing habitable areas where it can be absorbed by the existing infrastructure and that you should not start an urban spoil or develop a new town.

The proposed development of junction 27 is totally unnecessary. There is no need for an 1800-seater concert venue to be built, when Westpoint arena is just down the road at Exeter. Shopping areas should be built where people live not in the middle of nowhere.

Junction 27 already has traffic queuing back onto the motorway carriageway in the summer which increases the risk of serious accidents.

The council have failed to explain in the document why land north of Tiverton is not considered. Tiverton is the most populated town in Mid Devon so the need for a retail park will be greater there than anywhere else.

I fully understand that development will be required so that further infrastructure projects can be made. Many of our roads are single track. The road linking Tiverton with Cullompton already has a high volume of traffic on it with many parts not wide enough for two vehicles to pass

If the council wishes to continue with the expansion of Cullompton, then major improvement to junction 28 will be needed to improve the flow of traffic through this junction. The traffic is regularly grid locked from the junction backing up into the town centre at peak times already. A Cullompton south junction may be required.

Any development must have a zero impact upon the environment. For example any hedge rows and trees removed by the developers for roads etc must be replanted elsewhere within the development. An exclusion area around older trees must be wide enough to protect the mycelium life in the sounding ground which the tree is dependent upon for its survival.

All development must adopt storm water catchment systems so not to activate our already volatile river systems.

Ample off road parking for all residents must be provided. 2 parking spaces per household as a minimum so as to keep roads clear and improve visibility.

Cycle lanes or paths need to be built on all main roads, which will make it safer to cycle to and from Cullompton, Tiverton, Tiverton parkway and Exeter.

Development must be kept in keeping with the neighbouring houses, not building a 3 storey high pitched roof house beside an existing 2 storey low pitched roof house.

With an aging population, more bungalows will be needed.

We need less high density housing, giving the new residents a spacious environment to live within.

MDDC must stop allowing fields to be turned into solar power stations. Photovoltaic panels should be fitted on buildings where the electricity is needed. Not in a field amongst our green and pleasant land, where most of the power generated is lost through our leaky power distribution network.

Despite warnings from previous consultations and warnings from Cullompton town council, MDDC still let Barrett home, Millwood homes & David Wilson homes bully the council into letting them do what they wanted and not what was needed for this area. The latest development failed to continue the construction of the Cullompton relief ring road. MDDC failed to protect hedgerows and trees. Please Please stand up to these development thugs, they only have one thing on their minds, profit. Not the community.

Summary
No to Willand / Junction 27 development
Zero environmental impact on all development
No to solar power stations in our fields
Stand up to developers

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Mr D Wright

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