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Local Plan Review Consultation
 Forward Planning
 Mid Devon District Council
 Phoenix House
 Tiverton
 EX16 6PP



Dear Sirs,
 Re: Cheriton Bishop Local Plan Review

I write further to the article in the local Cheriton Bishop newsletter regarding Mid Devons local plan reviews and comments therein.

Until recently I was the village shop owner and chair of governors at Cheriton Bishop School having spent over ten years as a school governor and are a true advocate of development of village life and its people within Cheriton Bishop, all be it in a controlled way.

We currently live on the edge of the 'settlement limit' in Chestnut Close overlooking the proposed Glebe Land and the beautiful views beyond to the hills of Dartmoor. We have lived here for over fifteen years and have in that time spent many thousands of pounds developing new boundary walls to increase safety and security of the property and in addition incorporated a viewing conservatory facing the south west to take advantage of the views. Whilst a little selfish you can probably understand that anything done to compromise our views and subsequent investment is of great concern.

That apart I would like to make the following observation about development of the area :

I fully support some development within the village but not to the detriment of those already living there.

The village green which I assume would be part of any development to the Glebe land would be of great loss to the village particularly the younger of us that use it daily in good weather particularly if further development was made else where in the village.

The area around the shop is of particular importance as traffic builds up around the shop and along the road outside our property. Traffic uses the Chestnut Close junction as a turning circle causing even more danger for anybody on foot. Added to this the additional congestion with SAS HGV vehicles waiting on the road to unload makes putting a new entrance into the Glebe land even more congested

Another area of concern is Church lane which has already seen significant development over the last few years where it appears little consideration for the activities around the school such as lorries off loading and the morning and evening drop off and pick up.

In my view it would make a lot of sense, if the land is available which it seems it is, to build a service road on the land East of Hill View across the land North of Brakes View to the school. This would create a natural area West of the service road for housing development up to Church Lane (ie an extension of Hescane Park which was intended many years ago) avoiding all the sensitive areas mentioned namely School access, church lane relief, and aggravating traffic around Yeoford Road, the shop and beyond.

Please contact me if you require any clarification.

Yours Faithfully

A. Shearer