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REF: DRAFT LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION DOCCUMENT

Dear Sir /Madam,

I strongly object to the plan by Mid Devon District Council to build 160 houses in Silverton.

We are aware of the need for additional housing and over the years this need has been met by the village in a realistic and sensitive way by building on infill sites. To build the amount of houses in this plan would be unrealistic and unsustainable.

Taking the sites one by one,

Butterleigh Road.

The road has been continuously running with water for the past three months and this has eroded this narrow lane. I live in

Silverdale and the constant use of large vehicles and tractors and most traffic coming through Silverdale and Applemead because they can not get through High street and Fore street is a danger to the people of this residential area. Our road is continuously being eroded and having to be repaired. Silverdale is also used for parking by people living in Fore street and High street who have no parking outside there homes. It is quite difficult on frequent occasions to access our own properties because of thoughtless parking. The building in Butterleigh road would make a bad problem worse. To build on the what is now allotments which have been used by villagers for generations would be to destroy a valuable amenity which is very necessary in our day and age. There is always a waiting list of people wanting to use this amenity. We are always being told of the need to keep fit both physically and mentally these allotments provide this. For instance Ellerhayes just down the road from Silverton have just designated land for allotments proving there is a need for them in this day and age.

THE GLEBE,

The Glebe just below the church and the Bury have always been a treasured place in the village for its peace and tranquility because of its proximity to the church. According to the village map this is a conservation area .It has very narrow access all around this site and many blind corner to negotiate .Extra

traffic around this area would be dangerous also any road widening would be detrimental to this area.

EAST OF HEDERMAN CLOSE.

Flooding has been on everyone's minds of late, Park road floods every year and runs off on to the proposed new site. This can not be good for new houses and Hederman close that is lower than the proposed new site.

THE LIVINGSHAYES SITE.

The Livinghayes site is on a narrow single farm track yet again not suitable for extra traffic. It is very hard to see how this could be widened successfully. It would join on to coach road which is a very busy and is used by busses.

The sewerage system in Silverton is already inadequate. We have in Silverdale had problems when drains collapsed between Silverdale and the High street. Extra housing above us in Butterleigh road would add this.

Parking in the village as a whole needs to be addressed before any more properties are built.

Tourism is the main source of income in Devon, many come to not only visit our coast but to see our picturesque villages. This vast amount of new build would ruin our village turning us into a town not a beautiful village.

Do we need to build here when the new homes could be accommodated for by supporting the option 2B settlement near junction 28 off the M5 at Cullompton. A plan which I understand Cullompton town council is in favour of.

This would be a sensible solution as access to the M5 would be easy and alleviate congestion.

It is very important that the people of Silverton have their say, whether for or against these proposals and we hope that Tiverton District council respect our wishes.

Yours Sincerely

4th March 2014.