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To: DPD
Subject: Objection to Planning proposal Gurney Field, Morchard Bishop, Devon

From: Joy Carrington, Staddlestones, Morchard Bishop, Devon EX17 6PG

I am writing to say that I am against the inclusion of Gurney Field (also Tate Path Farm) in the long term proposal for Morchard Bishop Development.

Whilst appreciating that there maybe a need for more housing in the area (although the development of the area next to Greenaway for 10/12 houses has been possible for the past 6 years and to date, as far as I am aware, no developer has shown interest) and there are a number of houses that have been for sale for a while I still think that the Gurney field is totally unsuitable venue for further development. I write as co-owner (with my brother) of a bungalow that backs onto Gurney Field which my brother and I have been trying to sell for nearly a year since my mother died and the last

2 possible buyers have now been put off by the rumours that are surrounding the possible future planning application. The field is steeply sloping and already residents of Old Rectory Gardens are complaining that the Gurney runoff surface water floods their gardens and they are getting "back up" of sewage from time to time as the pipes put in when the bungalows were built are inadequate now.

My main objection is the traffic situation. Extra land would have to be purchased to provide an entrance for the houses at the top of Old Rectory Gardens and then the traffic on the road and then past our bungalow, Staddlestones (not wide roads by any means) would increase substantially. My mother's bungalow is also opposite Corner Close where objections were made a few years ago (to building in a conservation area) because of the volume of extra traffic but the planners assured us that the 12 parking spaces behind the houses fronting the road would be sufficient. In reality people from the Corner Close houses park in the road and if large vehicles are parked make exiting my mother's bungalow already difficult let alone if more cars are using that road to exit from Old Rectory Gardens and Woodlane.

There is very little employment in the village necessitating travel out of the village for work almost certainly by car as buses are not that frequent. Seventeen years ago when we came to the village you could usually drive to Morchard Road without hindrance, now one is constantly backing up for oncoming cars and larger vehicles as the road is very narrow in many parts and there has been a number of accidents.

At the last meeting of the PCC and a large audience in the Memorial Hall, Morchard Bishop on Monday 3rd March 2014 the Mid Devon councillor, Mr.

Michael Lee assured the PCC and the audience that no planning application for up to 25 houses on Gurney field could be contemplated before 2026. The PCC and audience were unanimous that Gurney should not be earmarked as a possibility even after that. I would be grateful if you would confirm what Mr. Lee said was correct.

Yours faithfully Joy Carrington

